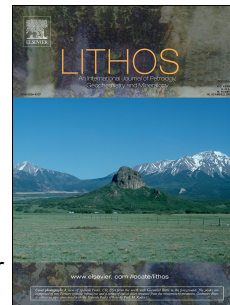


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32 **Highlights:**

- 33 • K-feldspar + plagioclase patches record in-situ partial melting in the upper crust;
- 34 • Melting was caused by granite emplacement and occurred in the andalusite field;
- 35 • Deformation is distributed in the partially molten rocks;
- 36 • Melt crystallization causes strain localization into mylonitic shear zones;

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**53 1. Introduction**

54 Partial melting is commonly regarded as an effective weakening mechanism controlling strain  
55 localization in shear zones (Hollister and Crawford, 1986; Karlstrom et al., 1993; Davidson et  
56 al., 1994; Vanderhaeghe, 2009; Kruckenberg et al., 2011). Experimental results have shown that  
57 for very low melt fraction (between 1 and 4 vol%) the dominant deformation mechanism in  
58 rocks switches from dislocation creep to melt-enhanced grain boundary sliding, in which  
59 interstitial melt allows grains to slide past each other (Cooper and Kohlstedt, 1984; Dell'Angelo

60 et al., 1987; Dell'Angelo and Tullis, 1988; Walte et al., 2005; Zavada et al., 2007; Schulmann et  
61 al., 2008). At a higher melt fraction (~ 7-8 vol.%), melt becomes interconnected causing a further  
62 decrease in rock strength (the so called 'liquid percolation threshold' of Vigneresse and Tikoff,  
63 1999 or the 'melt connectivity transition' of Rosenberg and Handy, 2005). Deformation in the  
64 presence of a very low melt fraction (< 7%) not only causes strain partitioning between  
65 leucosomes and the residual rocks but also activates a positive feedback mechanism attracting  
66 more melt into high-strain zones, due to the local movements of grains (Rosenberg, 2001; Walte  
67 et al., 2005; Stuart et al., 2018).

68 The weakening effect of partial melting and melt migration in crustal and mantle rocks has been  
69 widely investigated (Rutter and Neumann, 1995; Vigneresse et al., 1996; Vigneresse and Tikoff,  
70 1999; Rosenberg and Handy, 2005; Misra et al., 2014), but the effect of in-situ crystallization of  
71 melt in migmatites has been broadly neglected. This is because the long-term rheology of  
72 migmatite terranes appears controlled by the efficiency of melt segregation and migration away  
73 from the residuum, causing strain hardening of the dry residual rocks (White and Powell, 2002;  
74 Brown, 2002, 2010; Guernina and Sawyer, 2003; Yakymchuck and Brown, 2014; Diener and  
75 Fagereng, 2014). However, solidification of melt has a significant impact on the rheology of  
76 melt-bearing systems, as the liquid-filled porosities are often pseudomorphed by rheologically  
77 strong phases such as feldspars. For example, in syntectonic plutons the transition from syn-  
78 magmatic shearing to subsolidus deformation is often accompanied by extreme strain  
79 localization (e.g. Gapais, 1989; Pawley and Collins, 2002; Zibra et al., 2018). A similar change  
80 in deformation style should be expected in high-strain zones in migmatites where melt  
81 crystallized in situ, for example in a melt-bearing shear zone that cooled during exhumation, or  
82 where the presence of melt was related to a transient change in thermal conditions (for example

83 in upper crustal aureoles; e.g. Pattison and Harte, 1988; Marchildon and Brown, 2002; Johnson  
84 et al., 2003; Droop and Brodie, 2012). Stuart et al. (2018) documented the preservation of  
85 pseudomorphs after melt-filled pores in granulitic rocks that were not overprinted by subsolidus  
86 deformation due to sudden increase in rock strength caused by melt crystallization. Localization  
87 of deformation in the subsolidus regime requires the activation of softening mechanisms which  
88 may cause strain partitioning between the leucosome and the residuum and drive strain  
89 localization (e.g. Handy et al., 2001; Diener et al., 2016; Miranda and Klepeis, 2016; Stuart et  
90 al., 2018). Structures formed in the subsolidus range may be strikingly different in deformation  
91 style with respect to those formed in the presence of melt, reflecting the abrupt change in  
92 deformation mechanism and bulk rheology that follows melt solidification.

93 In this study, we investigated the structures recorded during transition from melt-present upper  
94 amphibolite-facies deformation to greenschist-facies mylonitization in the metasedimentary  
95 sequence of the Calamita Schists (northern Apennines, Island of Elba, Italy), within a  
96 synkinematic contact aureole developed at shallow crustal levels ( $P < 0.2$  GPa). We show an  
97 example where partial melting assisted large-scale deformation in high-strain domains. At  
98 decreasing temperature, melt crystallization caused strain hardening, as melt-enhanced  
99 deformation was deactivated. The localization of deformation during retrograde deformation was  
100 locally assisted by strain softening mechanisms leading to very heterogeneous distribution of  
101 strain marked by narrow and anastomosing shear zones that overprint the high-grade foliation.

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## 103 **2. Geological Outline**

### 104 **2.1 Geology of the Island of Elba**

105 The Island of Elba is characterized by a stack of east-verging thrust nappes that was structured  
106 between the early Miocene and the Pliocene during the development of the Northern Apennines  
107 fold-and-thrust belt (Keller and Coward, 1996; Massa et al., 2017). The nappe stack is divided  
108 into an Upper Complex, which comprises non-metamorphic to lower greenschist-facies units and  
109 a Lower Complex consisting of the medium- to high-grade metamorphic Ortano and Calamita  
110 Units (Fig. 1a). The contact between the Upper and Lower Complexes is marked by the late  
111 Miocene out-of-sequence Capo Norsi – Monte Arco Thrust (Fig. 1a) that was active up to the  
112 early Pliocene (Tab. 1; Viola et al., 2018). The nappe stack is intruded by several late Miocene  
113 intrusives, notably the Monte Capanne pluton and the Central Elba laccolith complex, emplaced  
114 in the Upper Complex, and the Porto Azzurro pluton, intruded in the Calamita Unit and buried  
115 below the present-day sea level (Fig. 1a; Barberi et al., 1967; Dini et al., 2002; Musumeci and  
116 Vaselli, 2012; Barboni et al., 2015).

117 The Calamita Unit was deeply affected by the late Miocene low-pressure/high-temperature  
118 (LP/HT) metamorphic imprint caused by the emplacement of the Porto Azzurro pluton, which  
119 occurred at temperatures between 600 – 650 °C and pressures below 0.2 GPa (Duranti et al.,  
120 1992; Musumeci and Vaselli, 2012; Caggianelli et al., 2018). Pluton emplacement and LP/HT  
121 metamorphism were coeval with late Miocene contractional tectonics, which determined the  
122 development of ductile syn-magmatic shear zones, which were later overprinted by brittle, post-  
123 magmatic thrust sheets at the end of the thermal pulse (e.g. Capo-Norsi Monte Arco thrust in Fig.  
124 1a; Musumeci and Vaselli, 2012; Musumeci et al., 2015; Viola et al., 2018). LP/HT  
125 metamorphism and ductile deformation in the Calamita Unit were constrained between  
126  $6.76 \pm 0.08$  Ma ( $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  phlogopite age) and  $6.23 \pm 0.06$  Ma ( $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  muscovite age) (Tab. 1).  
127 A zircon rim yielded a  $6.40 \pm 0.15$  Ma U/Pb age (see Musumeci et al., 2015). The brittle overprint



128 was dated through  $^{40}\text{K}/^{40}\text{Ar}$  on authigenic illite between  $6.14\pm 0.64$  Ma and  $4.90\pm 0.27$  Ma (Tab.  
129 1; Viola et al., 2018). As a consequence, ductile deformation in the Calamita Unit, triggered by  
130 the thermal anomaly, very likely lasted less than 1 Ma.

131

## 132 **2.2 Strain and metamorphic gradients in the Calamita Unit**

133 The Calamita Unit (Fig.1a, b) is a metamorphic complex characterized by the early  
134 Carboniferous Calamita Schists, which are tectonically overlain by Triassic metaclastics  
135 (Barabarca quartzite), marbles and dolomitic marbles (Calanchiole marble; Barberi et al., 1967;  
136 Musumeci et al., 2011; Papeschi et al., 2017 and references therein). The Calamita Schists  
137 experienced LP/HT late Miocene amphibolite-facies metamorphism with peak temperatures  
138 around  $625\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Caggianelli et al., 2018) or even exceeding  $650\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Musumeci and Vaselli,  
139 2012) and were overprinted by greenschist-facies retrograde metamorphism during cooling of  
140 the Porto Azzurro pluton.

141 The metamorphic foliation in the Calamita Schists strikes N-S to NW-SE and dips generally to  
142 the W-SW. The Ripalte antiform (Fig. 1b) refolded the main metamorphic foliation, which  
143 became E-NE dipping to (locally) subvertical in the eastern part of the Calamita Unit. The  
144 antiform is interpreted as a late thrust fault-propagation fold that affected the Calamita Unit after  
145 the LP/HT metamorphic event (see Mazzarini et al., 2011 and Papeschi et al., 2017). Stretching  
146 lineations trend E-W and dip to the W and the E on the opposite limbs of the antiform (Fig. 1b).

147 The Calamita Schists consists of interlayered dark grey to brownish micaschists, metapsammites,  
148 and quartzites containing centimeter- to decimeter-thick deformed quartz layers: the  
149 compositional variability is largely due to varying quartz and mica content within the schists.

150 Late Miocene contractional deformation is very heterogeneously distributed in the Calamita  
151 Schists, which are characterized by well-foliated high-strain domains (Fig. 2a) with local  
152 mylonitic layers and top-to-the-E kinematic indicators, localized in low-strain domains that  
153 constitute the majority of the Calamita Schists (see in detail Papeschi et al., 2017). High-strain  
154 domains display a composite fabric that preserve relic upper amphibolite-facies deformation,  
155 highlighted by grain boundary migration in quartz, overprinted by lower amphibolite- to  
156 greenschist-facies mylonitic deformation and later brittle thrusting (Papeschi et al., 2018). In the  
157 eastern part of the Calamita Unit, high-strain domains are also affected by the Ripalte antiform,  
158 becoming locally E-dipping (Fig. 1b), apparently resembling normal shear zones. Low-strain  
159 domains are characterized by poorly foliated schists and hornfelses interlayered with quartz  
160 layers, that are locally affected by E-verging tight folds (Fig. 2b).

161 The metamorphic LP/HT assemblage of the Calamita Schists is characterized by white mica +  
162 biotite + cordierite + andalusite, overprinted by retrograde white mica and chlorite (see in detail  
163 Papeschi et al., 2017). The highest grade rocks of the Calamita Schists are located along the  
164 southeastern coast of the Calamita peninsula, in the core of the Ripalte antiform (Fig. 1b;  
165 Mazzarini et al., 2011; Papeschi et al., 2017), where they display the typical peak assemblage  
166 biotite + K-feldspar + plagioclase + andalusite + cordierite (first recognized by Barberi et al.,  
167 1967).

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### 169 **3. Methodology**

170 In the present study we describe in detail two selected areas in the highest metamorphic grade  
171 portion of the Calamita Schists, showing the peak metamorphic assemblage (biotite + K-feldspar  
172 + plagioclase + andalusite + cordierite) with evidence of partial melting and its relationship with

173 deformational structures: Punta Bianca and Capo Calvo (Fig. 1b). Several samples,  
174 representative of the different structures and compositional domains identified in the field, were  
175 selected and analyzed in oriented thin sections (i.e. cut parallel to the lineation and perpendicular  
176 to the foliation). Details of the samples are available in the supplementary material to this article  
177 (Tab. S6) and on SESAR (<https://app.geosamples.org/>). Sample nomenclature strictly follows  
178 that of the SESAR database.

179 The petrographic microscope was used to identify mineral phases in a suite of samples,  
180 characterize microstructures, and select areas for investigations with a scanning electron  
181 microscope (SEM) and an electron microprobe (EMP). The area % of the phases present in  
182 selected samples (i.e. IESP3CS42A and IESP3SP196, see below) was estimated on thin section  
183 scans using the Color Threshold tool of the ImageJ software (Schneider et al., 2012),

184 Preliminary microstructural investigations and mineral analyses were carried out with a Hitachi  
185 TM3030 Plus Tabletop Microscope SEM at the Department of Earth Sciences (University of  
186 Pisa) and a ZEISS-EVO SEM equipped with an Oxford Instruments EDS detector at the National  
187 Institute for Geophysics and Volcanology (Pisa, Italy).

188 Rock-forming minerals were analyzed in a single sample (IESP3CS42A) with a CAMECA  
189 SX100 EMP equipped with five spectrometers and an EDS system at the Institut für Mineralogie  
190 und Kristallchemie (Universität Stuttgart). Analytical conditions for spot analyses were 15 kV  
191 accelerating voltage, 15 nA beam current, 20s counting time on peak and background each, and 1  
192  $\mu\text{m}$  spot size. Standards were wollastonite (Si, Ca),  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (Al),  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  (Fe),  $\text{MnTiO}_3$  (Mn, Ti),  
193 albite (Na), orthoclase (K), olivine (Mg) and barite (Ba). Structural formulae of minerals were  
194 recalculated considering 14 oxygen equivalents for chlorite, 11 for white mica, 22 for biotite, 18  
195 for pinitized cordierite, 8 for feldspar, 5 for andalusite, 3 for ilmenite, 5 for titanite, and 4 for

196 rutile. Biotite was classified using the classification scheme based on the siderophyllite –  
197 eastonite – phlogopite – annite end-members after Deer et al. (1992). Concentration maps for  
198 major elements (Ca, Fe, Mn, Mg, Al and Na) were also produced by stepwise movements of the  
199 thin section under the electron beam; counting times per step were 100 ms.

200 The bulk rock chemistry of sample IESP3CS42A was determined by X-ray fluorescence  
201 spectroscopy (XRF) using the Panalytical PW2400 spectrometer at the Institut für Mineralogie  
202 und Kristallchemie in Stuttgart. Whole-rock analyses, expressed in wt%, were recalculated in  
203 mol% for phase equilibria modeling using THERMOCALC 3.33 (Powell and Holland, 1998; see  
204 details in section 5).

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## 206 **4. Structural and lithological features**

### 207 **4.1 Punta Bianca**

208 The mesoscale structures exposed at Punta Bianca are developed in the biotite + K-feldspar +  
209 plagioclase + andalusite + cordierite zone of the Calamita Schists, according to Barberi et al.  
210 (1967). The foliation strikes N-S to NW-SE, gently dipping to the E (10 to 30°) and is defined by  
211 the preferred orientation of biotite, andalusite, cordierite, as well as quartz and K-feldspar +  
212 plagioclase layers (Fig. 2c, d). Upright, open to tight folds with N-S trending axes locally re-fold  
213 the main foliation (Fig. 2c). The Calamita Schists at Punta Bianca display a compositional  
214 banding defined by light-colored quartz-feldspar-rich layers interlayered with dark-colored  
215 biotite-rich bands (Fig. 2c, d). Moreover, millimeter to centimeter-thick quartzite layers, widely  
216 diffused in the Calamita schist from high- to low- metamorphic grade lithologies, are oriented  
217 parallel to the compositional banding. The compositional banding generally follows mesoscale  
218 structures such as folds (Fig. 2c) and foliations (Fig. 2d). Light-colored domains are composed of

219 K-feldspar, plagioclase, and quartz with variable content of biotite, andalusite, and cordierite,  
220 range in thickness from few millimeters to some centimeters, and are laterally continuous for  
221 several tens of centimeters (Fig. 2d, e). Dark-colored domains consist of biotite, andalusite and,  
222 less commonly, cordierite and contain discrete layers and pockets (Fig. 2f) of K-feldspar,  
223 plagioclase, and quartz. Intermediate-colored domains, characterized by a conspicuous content of  
224 both light- and dark-colored phases, are also widely present.

225 The foliation is heterogeneously distributed at outcrop scale and appears more penetrative in  
226 domains characterized by a higher proportion of quartz, K-feldspar, and plagioclase (e.g. Fig. 2e)  
227 with respect to dark-colored domains, that typically show randomly-distributed cm-sized  
228 andalusite grains and lack a clearly defined foliation (Fig. 2f).

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#### 230 **4.2 Capo Calvo**

231 Capo Calvo exposes amphibolite-facies schists and metapsammities containing biotite, quartz,  
232 andalusite, cordierite, K-feldspar, and plagioclase (Fig. 3a). The dominant fabric is a N-S to NW-  
233 SE striking and E-dipping penetrative foliation (mean dip-direction/dip: N061°/31°; Fig. 3a),  
234 defined by the preferred orientation of the amphibolite-facies assemblage, which is crosscut by  
235 anastomosing E-verging shear-zones (mean dip-direction/dip: N062°/53°; Fig. 3a) with a  
236 greenschist-facies white mica + chlorite bearing assemblage (described in detail in Papeschi et  
237 al., 2018). The eastern dip of structures at Capo Calvo is due to their position on the eastern flank  
238 of the late Ripalte antiform, which refolded originally W-dipping thrust shear zones (Fig. 1b;  
239 Mazzarini et al., 2011; Papeschi et al., 2018). Stretching lineations trend SW-NE dipping to the  
240 ENE (Fig. 3a).

241 As in Punta Bianca, the distribution of compositional domains and deformational features is  
242 heterogeneous at outcrop scale (Fig. 3b, c). The Calamita Schists display (1) whitish, deformed  
243 quartz-rich layers (Fig. 3b), (2) dark-colored domains (Fig. 3b, c), consisting of very poorly  
244 foliated and coarse-grained blackish nodules containing mostly biotite, cm-sized euhedral  
245 andalusite or cordierite with pockets of K-feldspar, plagioclase, and quartz, and (3) light-colored  
246 domains, consisting of foliated schists containing biotite, quartz, K-feldspar, plagioclase,  
247 cordierite, and, less commonly, andalusite (Fig. 3b). Unlike Punta Bianca, light-colored domains  
248 display a conspicuous proportion of biotite, cordierite and andalusite. As shown in Fig. 3b, the  
249 transition from light- to dark-colored domains is gradational and marked by a progressive  
250 increase in quartz-feldspathic content from the former to the latter, corresponding also to an  
251 increase in foliation intensity (see also Fig. 3c). Greenschist-facies shear zones tend to be  
252 concentrated in light-colored domains but affected also dark-colored domains (Fig. 3c).  
253 K-feldspar and plagioclase form more-or-less elongated mm- to cm-sized patches that are  
254 heterogeneously distributed in the biotite-rich groundmass (highlighted in Fig. 3c).

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## 256 **5. Microstructures**

### 257 **5.1 Punta Bianca**

#### 258 *Dark-colored domains*

259 Dark-colored domains are composed of biotite, andalusite, cordierite, K-feldspar, plagioclase,  
260 quartz, and ilmenite and contain accessory tourmaline, zircon, apatite and monazite. Some  
261 domains display andalusite as part of the peak assemblage, whereas others cordierite. Very few  
262 domains contain both andalusite and cordierite. Quartz layers are locally interlayered within  
263 dark-colored domains. The foliation is generally poorly developed and the microstructure

264 appears dominated by abundant coarse-grained (100 – 500  $\mu\text{m}$ ) decussate biotite grains that  
265 surround very large ( $> 1$  mm) euhedral andalusite porphyroblasts (Fig. 4a). K-feldspar,  
266 plagioclase, and quartz are heterogeneously distributed in fine-grained polycrystalline patches  
267 with irregular shape (Fig. 4a). The intensity of foliation increases in layers characterized by a  
268 higher proportion of K-feldspar, plagioclase, and quartz (Fig. 4b). The foliation is outlined by  
269 both the preferred orientation of biotite grains and the compositional banding defined by  
270 subparallel biotite-rich and quartz-feldspar-rich bands (Fig. 4b). Well-formed and relatively  
271 coarse-grained porphyroblasts of K-feldspar and plagioclase are only sporadically present and  
272 are surrounded by a rim of interstitial K-feldspar, quartz, and rare plagioclase (Fig. S1a in  
273 supplementary material). In the vast majority of cases K-feldspar, plagioclase and quartz form  
274 polygonal, polycrystalline aggregates (grain size: 50 – 200  $\mu\text{m}$ ) containing iso-oriented to  
275 decussate biotite inclusions (Fig. 4c).

276 Biotite grains included in quartz-feldspathic aggregates frequently display a strongly irregular,  
277 resorbed outline (insert in Fig. 4c). On the other hand, biotite in large biotite aggregates (Fig. 4a)  
278 and included in K-feldspar and plagioclase porphyroblasts (Fig. S1a in supplementary material)  
279 displays subhedral to euhedral shape. Quartz, K-feldspar, and plagioclase between biotite grains  
280 frequently form a polygonal groundmass (Fig. 4d, e) that contains grains with well-defined  
281 crystal faces and triple-point junctions (as the quartz grain in Fig. 4d), coexisting with strongly  
282 irregular, interstitial grains that surround smaller grains (e.g. K-feldspar in Fig. 4e). Fig. 4f shows  
283 an example of interstitial quartz (orange) characterized by cusped lobes interfingered between  
284 the neighboring grains, which display straight crystal faces or a rounded outline. Resorbed grains  
285 may display abundant ilmenite inclusions, which are less common in interstitial phases (Fig. 4f).

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287 *Light-colored domains*

288 Light-colored domains consist predominantly of quartz, K-feldspar, and plagioclase with minor  
289 biotite, andalusite, and cordierite. Accessories are zircon, apatite, tourmaline, and monazite.  
290 Sericite is present as a retrograde phase, overgrowing K-feldspar and plagioclase.

291 As shown in Fig. 5a and 5b, the microstructure of light-colored domains is well-foliated, owing  
292 to stretched quartz grains, elongated K-feldspar + plagioclase aggregates that are often replaced  
293 by sericite, and the preferred orientation of few biotite grains. Quartz shows large grains (100 –  
294 500  $\mu\text{m}$ ) that are surrounded by small ( $\sim 10 - 50 \mu\text{m}$ ) grains indicative of recrystallization by  
295 bulging and subgrain rotation (Fig. 5a). The large grains are characterized by amoeboid shape  
296 and lobate grain boundaries, indicative of grain boundary migration recrystallization (see Stipp et  
297 al., 2002).

298 K-feldspar and plagioclase are frequently organized in stretched layers that follow domains  
299 where few biotite grains are still preserved although strongly resorbed by cusped lobes of K-  
300 feldspar (Fig. 5c). In spite of the strong elongation of feldspar aggregates (e.g. Fig. 5b), K-  
301 feldspar and plagioclase display a polygonal microstructure made up of polycrystalline  
302 aggregates with 50 – 200  $\mu\text{m}$  average grain size that lacks extensive dynamic recrystallization  
303 features (Fig. 5d). Larger porphyroblasts (up to some hundreds of microns) are also present. In  
304 feldspar aggregates, euhedral grains of K-feldspar and plagioclase with well-developed crystal  
305 faces coexist with rounded K-feldspar, plagioclase, and quartz grains, surrounded by interstitial  
306 K-feldspar and/or quartz (Fig. 5d). Several cusped lobes of K-feldspar with low dihedral angles  
307 penetrate between adjacent quartz and K-feldspar grains are shown in Fig. 5d as an example.

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309 **5.2 Capo Calvo**



310 *Dark-colored domains*

311 At Capo Calvo, dark-colored domains display similar features with respect to Punta Bianca, but  
312 they are overprinted by an intense retrograde metamorphism that produced fine-grained  
313 aggregates of sericite and chlorite over biotite, andalusite, cordierite, K-feldspar, and plagioclase  
314 (Fig. 6a). Accessories are tourmaline, zircon, apatite, and monazite. Quartz is present as  
315 deformed layers with amoeboid-shaped grains.

316 As shown in Fig. 6a, biotite is partially replaced by andalusite, cordierite, K-feldspar, and  
317 plagioclase. K-feldspar + plagioclase + quartz aggregates with 50 – 200  $\mu\text{m}$  grain size and  
318 polygonal texture occur scattered through the microstructure, surrounded by retrograde sericite  
319 (Fig. S1g in supplementary material). K-feldspar is commonly characterized by strongly cusped  
320 and irregular lobes that penetrate between quartz and biotite grain boundaries (Fig. 6b). We  
321 observed small feldspar grains included in quartz in optical continuity with larger grains (Fig.  
322 6b). Biotite, with strongly irregular and resorbed shape, is commonly surrounded by interstitial  
323 K-feldspar and /or quartz (Fig. 6c). The internal microstructure of K-feldspar, plagioclase, and  
324 quartz aggregates is generally characterized by a polygonal texture with euhedral grains and  
325 rounded grains that are spatially associated with interstitial K-feldspar and quartz (Fig. 6d).  
326 Interstitial grains with triangular outline, localized close to triple junctions of euhedral grains are  
327 diffuse (Fig. 6d and S1h in supplementary material).

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329 *Light-colored domains*

330 The description of light-colored domains is focused on sample (IESP3CS42A on SESAR  
331 database) that was also investigated in detail for mineral chemistry and modeled with  
332 pseudosections (see section 7).

333 Sample IESP3CS42A is a schist consisting of quartz, biotite, K-feldspar, plagioclase, cordierite  
334 (pinitized), and ilmenite (in modal order; Fig. 7a), locally overprinted by retrograde sericite,  
335 chlorite, and greenish biotite. The light color of the schist is largely due to the relative high  
336 abundance of quartz and feldspars. Andalusite is very rare and was found only as a fractured  
337 porphyroclast strongly replaced by white mica (Fig. S8 in supplementary material). Accessories  
338 are apatite (grain size: 100-500  $\mu\text{m}$ ), tourmaline (50-100  $\mu\text{m}$ ), zircon, monazite (less than 50-80  
339  $\mu\text{m}$ ), and titanite (50-100  $\mu\text{m}$ ). As shown in Fig. 7a, the sample displays a foliated microfabric  
340 defined by parallel quartz- (thickness: 1-5 mm) and biotite-rich domains (thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$  up  
341 to 1-2 mm), together constituting 91 area% of the whole sample. The remaining 9% of the  
342 sample area is made up of K-feldspar and plagioclase (6%) and cordierite (~ 2.5%).

343 As shown in Fig. 7b, quartz is characterized by large grains (200 – 700  $\mu\text{m}$  grain size) with  
344 amoeboid shape and strongly lobate grain boundaries, showing dissection microstructures and  
345 'island grains' (i.e. small grains in optical continuity with larger grains; see Urai et al., 1986).  
346 Quartz grain boundaries are often pinned or dragged around subparallel biotite inclusions  
347 (pinning microstructure; see Jessell, 1987), defining the foliation within quartz-rich domains  
348 (Fig. 7c). Quartz microstructures are consistent with recrystallization by grain boundary  
349 migration (see Stipp et al., 2002). Only locally, quartz grains show patchy to undulose extinction,  
350 indicating a lower temperature overprint. Biotite-rich domains display a lepidoblastic  
351 microstructure defined by coarse-grained (100 – 500  $\mu\text{m}$ ) subparallel biotite grains with  
352 subhedral habit and undulose extinction (Fig. 7c) and small (~10-50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) subparallel grains of  
353 ilmenite. Fig. 7a highlights that cordierite, K-feldspar, and plagioclase occur strictly associated  
354 with biotite-rich layers. Cordierite forms euhedral to subhedral porphyroblasts (grain size: 0.1 –

355 1 mm) that are completely pseudomorphed by mixtures of phyllosilicates (i.e. pinite) still  
356 preserving equilibrium textures with the surrounding biotite-rich matrix (Fig. 7d).

357 K-feldspar and plagioclase occur as polycrystalline patches and augen-like aggregates that can be  
358 as large as some millimeters and are generally characterized by a grain size of  $\sim 100 - 500 \mu\text{m}$   
359 (Fig. 7e). These aggregates are strictly localized in biotite-rich layers. K-feldspar is modally  
360 more abundant than plagioclase. Locally, small anhedral grains of quartz are also part of the K-  
361 feldspar + plagioclase aggregates.

362 As shown in Fig. 8a, K-feldspar + plagioclase aggregates are characterized by an irregular  
363 outline with several cusped lobes protruding in the surrounding quartz and biotite (red arrows).  
364 Feldspar grains can display poikiloblastic texture due to abundant biotite inclusions. Thin ( $<50$   
365  $\mu\text{m}$  in thickness), K-feldspar-rich layers are also localized within quartz, in correspondence of  
366 biotite-rich domains (green arrow in Fig. 8a). Biotite in contact with or included in K-feldspar  
367 shows a very irregular outline indicating replacement of biotite by K-feldspar and plagioclase  
368 (light blue arrow in Fig. 8a). A significant fraction of the smaller biotite grains included in K-  
369 feldspar and plagioclase (grain size:  $5 - 100 \mu\text{m}$ ) displays well-developed crystal faces, euhedral  
370 habit, and appears clearly misoriented with respect to the main foliation (insert in Fig. 8a).

371 The contact between K-feldspar and plagioclase aggregates and the surrounding phases is often  
372 characterized by cusped lobes of feldspars (predominantly K-feldspar) with a smooth outline  
373 that extends for several tens of micrometers (Fig. 8b, c). Fig. 8b shows the contact of the K-  
374 feldspar rich aggregate of Fig. 8a with the surrounding quartz. Several tiny protrusions of K-  
375 feldspar into quartz and small K-feldspar grains, included in quartz, are in optical continuity with  
376 larger grains. The smaller K-feldspar aggregate of Fig. 8c, localized at the contact between  
377 biotite and quartz, displays a strongly irregular shape and is interfingered with the surrounding

378 biotite and quartz grains. Biotite appears strongly resorbed displaying lobes of K-feldspar that  
379 penetrate biotite grains mainly along their cleavage planes (Fig. 8c). Quartz grains with either  
380 well-developed crystal faces or a rounded outline occur at the contact between K-feldspar and  
381 quartz (Fig. 8c). Lobes of K-feldspar with very low apparent dihedral angle penetrate between  
382 boundaries of quartz grains (Fig. 8c). Small films of K-feldspar (down to a thickness of 1-5  $\mu\text{m}$ )  
383 diffusely occur at the contact between quartz and biotite grains or between biotite grains (Fig.  
384 8d). The shape of K-feldspar and plagioclase grains ranges from euhedral to anhedral. As shown  
385 in Fig. 8e, many K-feldspar and plagioclase grains display sharp, planar contacts with well-  
386 developed crystal faces. Interstitial K-feldspar, plagioclase, and quartz surround euhedral to  
387 partially rounded K-feldspar and plagioclase grains (Fig. 8f).

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#### 389 *Transition to shear zones*

390 The transition from the light-colored/dark-colored domains to shear zones, corresponding to the  
391 transition from the foliated schists to the top-to-the-E shear zones shown in Fig. 3c, is marked by  
392 an increase in strain and a change in lithology and metamorphic grade.

393 An example is shown in Fig. 9a, which highlights the contact between a quartz-biotite schist  
394 (wall rock) and a cm-thick top-to-the-E shear zone (sample IESP3SP196 on SESAR and in  
395 supplementary material, analyzed via ImageJ). The wall rock consists of amphibolite-facies  
396 subparallel quartz (~60 area %) and biotite  $\pm$  white mica (~25%) layers, defining a foliation  
397 obliquely oriented with respect to the shear zone boundary (dashed line in Fig. 9a), aggregates  
398 and porphyroclasts of K-feldspar and plagioclase (~13%), and cordierite porphyroclasts. White  
399 mica (incl. sericite) is present as retrograde phase locally overprinting K-feldspar, plagioclase,  
400 and cordierite. The shear zone largely (~85%) consists of very fine-grained (< 10  $\mu\text{m}$ )

401 phyllosilicates (mostly sericite) with minor very fine-grained ( $< 5 - 20 \mu\text{m}$  grain size) quartz  
402 ribbons (~15%) defining a penetrative mylonitic foliation (subhorizontal in Fig. 9a), locally  
403 interrupted by E-verging C'-shear bands. For a detailed description of the shear-zone  
404 microfabric, the reader is referred to Papeschi et al. (2018).

405 The wall rock displays a foliated microstructure characterized by subparallel quartz- and biotite-  
406 rich layers (Fig. 9b). Biotite grains (grain size:  $100 - 300 \mu\text{m}$ ) feature undulose extinction and  
407 numerous kink bands (Fig. 9b). Large quartz grains (up to 1 mm) with lobate boundaries and  
408 amoeboid shape, indicative of grain boundary migration recrystallization (see Stipp et al., 2002),  
409 are overprinted by undulose extinction and surrounded by small ( $10-15 \mu\text{m}$ ) bulges with serrated  
410 grain boundaries and subgrains (e.g. Fig. 9c), which indicate low- to medium-metamorphic grade  
411 recrystallization (bulging and subgrain rotation recrystallization according to Stipp et al., 2002).

412 Quartz and biotite surround porphyroclastic aggregates of K-feldspar + plagioclase,  
413 compositionally dominated by K-feldspar and ranging in size from some hundreds of microns to  
414 several millimeters (as in Fig. 9d). Locally, these feldspars form layers or lenses parallel to the  
415 foliation (Fig. 9a) and display a poikiloblastic microstructure due to abundant biotite and quartz  
416 inclusions (Fig. 9d). K-feldspar and plagioclase aggregates display strain caps, where quartz and  
417 biotite are dynamically recrystallized down to  $10 - 80 \mu\text{m}$ , and strain shadows containing quartz,  
418 biotite, and white mica grains or even small sericite aggregates (Fig. 9e). Bookshelf sliding of K-  
419 feldspar and plagioclase, synthetic with the sense of shear, is diffuse.

420 The internal structure of K-feldspar and plagioclase aggregates is characterized by euhedral to  
421 subhedral grains (grain size:  $50$  to  $1000 \mu\text{m}$ ) with well-developed crystal faces (Fig. 10a, b).  
422 Interstitial grains, usually elongated films of K-feldspar and/or quartz, are interposed between  
423 grains that in places show a linear or a rounded outline (Fig. 10a). 'String of beads'

424 microstructures (Holness et al., 2011) locally occur associated with interstitial grains. Phase  
425 boundaries within the aggregates vary from straight to lobate or serrated (Fig. 10b).  
426 K-feldspar and plagioclase are extensively recrystallized by subgrain rotation and bulging (grain  
427 size: 10 – 50  $\mu\text{m}$ ; Fig. 10c) in proximity with the shear zone boundary and occur as stretched  
428 ribbons displaying relatively large (100 - 200 $\mu\text{m}$ ) porphyroclasts surrounded by very fine-  
429 grained grains. Quartz layers interlayered with recrystallized feldspars generally display coarser  
430 grain size (100 – 500  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Feldspar ribbons are in part dynamically retrogressed to white  
431 mica/sericite, forming mixed feldspar/sericite layers as in the upper right corner of Fig. 10c, or  
432 extensively replaced by sericite-dominated ribbons with a grain size of 5-20  $\mu\text{m}$ , in which only  
433 few feldspar relics are recognizable (Fig. 10d).

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## 435 **6. Evidence of partial melting in the Calamita Schists**

436 The Calamita Schists in Punta Bianca and Capo Calvo display the peak assemblage biotite +  
437 quartz + K-feldspar + plagioclase + ilmenite, with andalusite or cordierite (or both) depending on  
438 the protolith. Meso- and microstructural evidence (following Sawyer, 1999, 2008) suggests that  
439 the investigated rocks underwent partial melting, as we show in the following text.

440 We interpret the strongly replaced biotite and the K-feldspar, quartz, and plagioclase grains with  
441 rounded outline as residual phases (Fig. 4c, 6b, 8a) that were partially dissolved/consumed  
442 through melting reactions. The melt crystallized as K-feldspar + quartz + plagioclase, which are  
443 found as interstitial phases (e.g. Fig. 4f, 8d, 10a) and form cusped lobes with a strongly irregular  
444 outline against the residual phases (e.g. Fig. 6b, 8b, 8c). In particular, interstitial films of K-  
445 feldspar with very low apparent dihedral angle (e.g. Stuart et al., 2018) that occur between biotite  
446 and quartz grains indicate crystallization within former melt-filled pores (Fig. 8d; see also

447 Holness and Sawyer, 2008 for similar examples). Euhedral K-feldspar and plagioclase that have  
448 crystal faces against interstitial K-feldspar, plagioclase, and quartz are interpreted as early  
449 crystallization products of melt. These feldspars may have also in part grown from residual cores  
450 (e.g. Fig. 8c, 8e). Therefore, the K-feldspar + plagioclase + quartz aggregates can be interpreted  
451 as pools and patches of former melt that contain residual grains of previously-formed  
452 metamorphic feldspars and quartz (Fig. 7e). Similar microstructural criteria to identify former  
453 melt and reactant minerals are reported by Platten (1982), Pattison and Harte (1988), Holness  
454 and Clemens (1999), Sawyer (2008), and Holness et al. (2011). We exclude that the  
455 aforementioned microstructures indicating former presence of melt might be ascribed to injection  
456 of magma, as they are invariably found throughout the investigated rocks (i.e. they do not  
457 represent a local feature) and are organized in discontinuous, diffuse interstitial films and patches  
458 rather than in discrete bodies in sharp contact with the host rocks (e.g. Fig. 2f). The occurrence  
459 of injected melts is only testified by leucocratic aplitic or pegmatitic tourmaline-bearing dykes  
460 that crosscut the metamorphic foliation/banding (e.g. Fig. 2d).

461 There is a strict correlation between the presence of former patches of leucosome and the  
462 availability of reactant biotite because K-feldspar + plagioclase + quartz aggregates are often  
463 found localized in biotite-rich layers (e.g. Fig. 7a), where biotite is strongly resorbed (e.g. Fig.  
464 4c, 5c). Even in light-colored domains in Punta Bianca, where only few biotite layers are present,  
465 K-feldspar + plagioclase + quartz aggregates appear to follow reactant biotite-rich domains (e.g.  
466 Fig. 5c). These observations suggest that the elongated feldspar aggregates represent domains  
467 where all biotite reacted away, i.e. biotite layers are 'fertile' layers (Fig. 5b). Strongly resorbed  
468 biotite grains, consumed by partial melting, coexist with smaller and euhedral biotite grains that  
469 are in equilibrium with K-feldspar (e.g. Fig 8a). Such grains may be interpreted either as

470 crystallized from the melt (i.e. liquidus phase) or as in equilibrium with the melt phase (see e.g.  
471 Platten, 1982 and Sawyer, 2008). We exclude that these grains might have been passively  
472 included, because of the strong corrosion of biotite in rocks at both investigated localities.  
473 Cordierite and andalusite, which form euhedral porphyroblasts (e.g. Fig. 4a, 8d), are interpreted  
474 to be in equilibrium with the melt-bearing peak mineral assemblage, as also suggested by the  
475 strongly resorbed shape of biotite in contact with andalusite and cordierite (e.g. Fig. 6a).  
476 The distribution of leucosomes at the micro- and meso-scale, largely organized in discrete  
477 patches (e.g. Fig. 5c) and interstitial films or pools, led us to classify the studied rocks as patch  
478 migmatites (according to Sawyer, 2008). Only in Punta Bianca, melt appears to have been  
479 organized in discrete layers (e.g. Fig. 2e) because we interpret the compositional layering  
480 between light-colored and dark-colored domains at this locality to be the result of the original  
481 abundance of melt in the different domains. In particular, the high K-feldspar + plagioclase  
482 content of light-colored domains together with their relative low content of biotite suggests that  
483 they were originally rich in melt as a result either of fertility or melt migration. Therefore, the  
484 banded rocks of Punta Bianca can be interpreted as stromatic migmatites (according to Sawyer,  
485 2008).

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## 487 **7. Metamorphic Petrology**

488 Whole-rock and mineral chemistry was carried out on sample IESP3CS42A (Fig. 7, 8). This  
489 patch migmatite sample was chosen based on (1) the clear relationships between partial melting  
490 microstructures and the peak mineral assemblage (quartz + biotite + cordierite + K-feldspar +  
491 plagioclase) and (2) the lack of structures indicating migration and partitioning of melt into



492 discrete leucosomes. Thus, no significant melt loss after partial melting was inferred for sample  
493 IESP3CS42A.

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## 495 **7.1 Mineral Chemistry**

496 Representative mineral analyses of sample IESP3CS42A are listed in Tab. 2. All analyses are  
497 provided in the supplementary material. K-feldspar displays a Na-poor composition (Or<sub>90-100</sub>)  
498 whereas plagioclase shows an oligoclase composition (An<sub>10-17</sub>). Ilmenite is characterized by Mn  
499 contents between 0.05 and 0.12 per formula unit (p.f.u.) and Fe<sup>3+</sup> contents < 0.01 p.f.u (Tab. 2).  
500 Concentration maps were acquired on biotite grains (1) aligned along the foliation and  
501 containing interstitial K-feldspar (Fig. 11a) and (2) included in K-feldspar (Fig. 11b). Biotite  
502 grains show in general a homogeneous distribution of Fe, Mg, and Al (Fig. 11c, d, f, g) and a  
503 zoning characterized by an increase in Ti towards the rims (Fig. 11e, h). The compositional maps  
504 of Fig. 11c, d highlight the presence of thin laminae of K-feldspar, frequently altered to sericite,  
505 localized between biotite grains. Small rutile and chlorite grains occur as alteration phases (Fig.  
506 11d, e).

507 Resorbed biotite grains included in K-feldspar are characterized by lobes of K-feldspar that  
508 clearly interrupt the Ti-zoning pattern (Fig. 11h). As shown in Fig. 11f, g euhedral biotite grains  
509 included in K-feldspar are, on the other hand, compositionally homogeneous and lack any Ti-  
510 zoning pattern (Fig. 11h). Mineral analyses were distinguished based on their habit  
511 (resorbed vs euhedral). The  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  (=Fe/[Fe + Mg]) values of biotite range between 0.6 and 0.7,  
512 with euhedral biotite characterized by slightly lower Al contents and  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  between 0.60 and 0.65  
513 (Fig. 12a). The Ti contents of euhedral biotite grains are between 0.2 and 0.3 p.f.u., comparable  
514 to that of the cores of resorbed biotite grains. Higher Ti contents, between 0.3 and 0.5 p.f.u.,

515 were detected on the rim of resorbed biotite grains (Fig. 12b, Tab. 2). We noted an increased  
516 scatter towards lower  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  values in resorbed biotite rims that we interpret as alteration along  
517 grain boundaries (Fig. 12a, b). The investigated sample contains also greenish, retrograde biotite  
518 (Fig. S10 in supplementary material), which is characterized by low  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  values and Al contents  
519 and Ti contents between 0.10 and 0.15 p.f.u. (Fig. 12a, b). Pinitized cordierite displays a large  
520 variability in Mg, Fe, and Al contents, yet showing relatively constant  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  between 0.48 and  
521 0.58.

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## 523 7.2 Geothermometry

524 Ti-in-biotite geothermometry was performed on sample IESP3CS42A applying the  
525 geothermometer calibrated by Wu and Chen (2015). This geothermometer was calibrated for the  
526 pressure-temperature (P-T) range of 450 – 840 °C and 0.1 – 1.9 GPa and, contrarily to the biotite  
527 geothermometer of Henry et al. (2005), is optimized for ilmenite- and/or rutile-bearing samples,  
528 making it suitable for the selected sample. Nevertheless, the geothermometer by Henry et al.  
529 (2005) was also applied to confront the results: temperature estimates resulting from the  
530 application of both geothermometers are available in the supplementary material.

531 For the calculation, all iron was considered to be divalent, based on the lack of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  bearing  
532 phases such as magnetite. The input pressure was set to 0.2 GPa (maximum metamorphic  
533 pressure for the Calamita Schists according to Musumeci and Vaselli, 2012). Temperature  
534 estimates on resorbed biotite grains range between 570 and 730 °C (average:  $629 \pm 57$  °C; Fig.  
535 12c) in biotite cores and 600 and 730 °C (average:  $654 \pm 36$  °C; Fig. 12c) in biotite rims, based  
536 on the geothermometer by Wu and Chen (2015). The application of the geothermometer by

537 Henry et al. (2005) yielded similar results yet providing systematically ~10 – 30 °C higher  
538 temperatures compared to those obtained with the geothermometer by Wu and Chen (2015).

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### 540 **7.3 Phase equilibria modeling**

541 The bulk composition of sample IESP3CS42A, expressed in wt% is: 72.52 SiO<sub>2</sub>, 0.67 TiO<sub>2</sub>,  
542 14.44 Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 4.07 Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 0.05 MnO, 1.51 MgO, 0.50 CaO, 1.53 Na<sub>2</sub>O, 3.47 K<sub>2</sub>O, and 0.15 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>.

543 The bulk composition was recalculated as mol% to fit into the MnO – Na<sub>2</sub>O – CaO – K<sub>2</sub>O – FeO  
544 – MgO – Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> – SiO<sub>2</sub> – H<sub>2</sub>O – TiO<sub>2</sub> – O<sub>2</sub> (MnNCKFMASHTO) system, used for phase

545 equilibria modeling (Fig. 13). For this purpose, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> was fractionated as apatite, together with  
546 the corresponding amount of CaO. All Fe was considered as divalent, owing to the lack of Fe<sup>3+</sup>-

547 rich oxides and the negligible amount of Fe<sup>3+</sup> in the analyzed minerals. However, it was  
548 necessary to use the MnNCKFMASHTO system to model ilmenite as a Fe<sup>3+</sup>-free phase in

549 THERMOCALC. Pseudosections were calculated using THERMOCALC 3.33 (Powell and  
550 Holland, 1988) and the internally consistent thermodynamic dataset ds55 by Holland and Powell

551 (1998; updated November 2003). The following solid solution models were used: amphibole  
552 (Diener et al., 2007), silicate melt (White et al., 2007), cordierite, staurolite, chlorite

553 (combination of Mahar et al., 1997 and Holland and Powell, 1998), garnet, biotite, ilmenite,  
554 (White et al., 2005), orthopyroxene (White et al., 2002), chloritoid (combination of Mahar et al.,

555 1997 and White et al., 2000), muscovite, paragonite (Coggon and Holland, 2002), plagioclase,  
556 and K-feldspar (Holland and Powell, 2003). The fluid was considered to be pure H<sub>2</sub>O (X<sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> = 1).

557 The pseudosection shown in Fig. 13 was calculated assuming water-saturated conditions, as it  
558 commonly occurs in prograde metapelites in contact aureoles (e.g. Buick et al., 2004). The

559 suprasolidus part of the pseudosection was calculated using a fixed H<sub>2</sub>O content of 1.66 mol%,

560 calculated using the rbi script of THERMOCALC assuming 0.5 vol.% of water at the solidus at  
561 0.2 GPa.

562 Sample IESP3CS42A shows a muscovite-free assemblage, consisting of quartz + biotite + K-  
563 feldspar + plagioclase + cordierite indicating equilibration at temperatures above the muscovite-  
564 out reaction. The observed assemblage (biotite, in particular) is partially resorbed by aggregates  
565 of K-feldspar + plagioclase + quartz, which are interpreted as products of crystallization of  
566 melts, and that contain euhedral biotite grains, which were likely in equilibrium with the melt  
567 phase (see Fig. 7, 8 and par 5.2).

568 Phase equilibria modeling shows that the assemblage cordierite + biotite + K-feldspar +  
569 plagioclase + ilmenite + quartz is stable in an esavariant field in the subsolidus between 0.05 -  
570 0.32 GPa and 530 – 710 °C (Fig. 13). The calculated  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  isopleths for cordierite and biotite  
571 match the  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  observed on resorbed biotite (Fig. 12b) and, in part, pinitized cordierite. The  
572 composition of biotite within the cordierite + biotite + K-feldspar + plagioclase + ilmenite +  
573 quartz field becomes progressively poorer in iron towards higher temperatures, starting from  $X_{\text{Fe}}$   
574 ~ 0.72 at ~ 550 °C to  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  ~ 0.66 at ~ 650 °C (Fig. 13). The same trend is observed in resorbed  
575 biotite grains which show a decrease in  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  from core to rim (Fig. 12b), corresponding to a  
576 temperature range from 570 to 730 °C, based on Ti-in-biotite geothermometry (Fig. 12c). The  
577 biotite model of White et al. (2005), used for phase equilibria modeling, estimates a Ti-content of  
578 biotite for the 570 – 730 °C temperature interval, which is significantly smaller (~0.01 to 0.1  
579 p.f.u. on a 22 oxygen basis).

580 The wet solidus intersects the cordierite + biotite + K-feldspar + plagioclase + ilmenite + quartz  
581 field between 0.12 and 0.31 GPa at T between 656 and 713 °C (Fig. 13). At  $P < 0.12$  GPa, partial  
582 melting occurs in the presence of orthopyroxene and, at  $P > 0.31$  GPa, in the presence of

583 sillimanite (Fig. 13). The composition of biotite that is stable in the presence of melt (cordierite +  
584 biotite + melt + plagioclase + ilmenite + quartz field) is characterized by  $X_{\text{Fe}} < 0.66$  down to 0.62  
585 (Fig. 13) matching the observed  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  of euhedral biotite ( $X_{\text{Fe}} = 0.60 - 0.65$ ; Fig. 12a, b).

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## 587 **8. Discussion**

### 588 **8.1 P-T conditions of partial melting in the Calamita Schists**

589 This study provides field and microstructural evidence (see sect. 5) of late Miocene partial  
590 melting in metapsammities from the high-strain domains of the Calamita Schists, in the southeast  
591 of the Island of Elba. We have demonstrated the presence of both stromatic migmatites (Punta  
592 Bianca), in which melt was concentrated in bands, and patch migmatites (Capo Calvo), in which  
593 leucosomes remained unsegregated. These anatectic rocks, formed in association with shallow  
594 intrusives in the Northern Tyrrhenian magmatic arc, are the unique example of crustal anatexis in  
595 the Northern Apennines. Phase equilibria modeling (Fig. 13) constrains in-situ partial melting in  
596 the patch migmatite sample (IESP3CS42A) between 0.12 and 0.31 GPa for temperatures  
597 between 660 and 710 °C. Furthermore, Ti-in-biotite geothermometry provides an independent  
598 constraint indicating a prograde evolution with peak metamorphic temperatures reached between  
599 660 and 730 °C. Interestingly, our Ti-in-biotite estimates overlap with the 600 – 700 °C  
600 estimates obtained by Caggianelli et al. (2018) on samples distributed on the whole Calamita  
601 peninsula, although these authors discarded these estimates, based on the interpretation that  
602 retrograde muscovite was in equilibrium with the peak mineral assemblage. Though andalusite  
603 was not present in the sample investigated for phase equilibria modeling, it occurs in the rocks  
604 nearby. The equilibrium textures of andalusite in the presence of melt (e.g. Fig. 3a), observed  
605 both in Punta Bianca and Capo Calvo, are indicative of very low-pressures of partial melting, in

606 a fairly restricted P-T field between 0.1 and 0.25 GPa (Cesare et al., 2003). Therefore, the  
607 maximum pressure for partial melting can be set at 0.2 – 0.25 GPa. Pressures < 0.2 GPa have  
608 already been proposed for the metamorphism of these rocks (Duranti et al., 1992; Musumeci and  
609 Vaselli, 2012; Caggianelli et al., 2018), although anatexis was not considered. Moreover, the  
610 coexistence of melt and andalusite is an indication of fluid-present melting, because the dry  
611 granitic solidus do not intersect the andalusite stability field (see Le Breton and Thompson, 1988  
612 and Cesare et al., 2003). Continuous melting in the presence of biotite without generating  
613 orthopyroxene as a peritectic phase indicates that partial melting occurred well below the biotite  
614 dehydration melting reaction (Le Breton and Thompson, 1988; Vielzeuf and Holloway, 1988),  
615 consuming the water available in the sample at and below the ‘wet’ granite solidus (e.g. Brown,  
616 2002; White and Powell, 2002; Guernina and Sawyer, 2003; Vernon and Clarke, 2008).  
617 Retention of water is expected during rapid heating of low-grade metapelites in contact aureoles,  
618 in contrast to regional metamorphism which renders metapelitic rocks more dehydrated (Buick et  
619 al., 2004).

620 Phase equilibria modeling suggests melt productivity in the investigated sample (IESP3CS42A)  
621 between 1 and 4% in the cordierite + biotite + K-feldspar + plagioclase + ilmenite + melt field,  
622 assuming a water-saturated solidus (Fig. 13). An independent estimate, based on image analysis  
623 of the investigated sample, places the maximum amount of melt that was present at ~ 6% (area  
624 occupied by K-feldspar and plagioclase aggregates; Fig. 7a). This, however, represents an excess  
625 estimate, since feldspar aggregates preserve microstructural evidence of the presence of residual  
626 grains. Therefore, it is largely unlikely that they were completely molten.

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## 628 **8.2 Deformation in the presence of melt: effect on structures and microstructures**

629 The Calamita Schists are characterized by a heterogeneous pattern of deformation which has  
630 been detailed by Papeschi et al. (2017, 2018). However, the processes that allowed shear-zone  
631 initiation in the Calamita Unit remained unclear, in particular regarding the transition from a  
632 relatively distributed upper amphibolite-facies deformation with respect to narrow and localized  
633 greenschist-facies shear zones (Papeschi et al., 2017, 2018).

634 In the investigated Capo Calvo and Punta Bianca sections, the mesoscale foliation is more  
635 penetrative and the average grain size is finer in light-colored domains, in which significant  
636 amounts of K-feldspar, plagioclase and quartz are present (Fig. 2d, 2e, 3b). Quartz shows  
637 deformational features like lobate grain boundaries, amoeboid shape, pinning microstructures,  
638 and island grains (e.g. Fig. 7b, c) that suggest deformation by grain boundary migration  
639 recrystallization, typical of rocks deformed at conditions of high metamorphic grade (e.g. Stipp  
640 et al., 2002; documented in detail for the Calamita Schists by Papeschi et al., 2017). On the other  
641 hand, K-feldspar + plagioclase + quartz aggregates very rarely show recrystallized grains and/or  
642 undulose extinction. In fact, they are dominated by euhedral and polygonal grains with triple  
643 junctions and straight grain boundaries, relatively uniform grain size of 100 – 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , spatially  
644 associated with interstitial grains (Fig. 5d among others), suggesting crystallization from melt  
645 (see sect. 6). The undeformed appearance of K-feldspar + plagioclase + quartz aggregates,  
646 largely displaying an igneous texture that did not experience significant subsolidus  
647 recrystallization, is in striking contrast with (1) the well foliated structure of light-colored  
648 domains at the mesoscale (Fig. 2e), (2) the extensive dynamic recrystallization of the associated  
649 quartz (Fig. 5a), and (3) the strong elongation of feldspar aggregates (Fig. 5b). A key observation  
650 is that ephemeral structures, which are easily erased by dynamic recrystallization, such as (1)  
651 interstitial phases, (2) pseudomorphs after films of former melt with very-low apparent dihedral

652 angle and (3) lobes of K-feldspar and quartz are well preserved and appear largely unaffected by  
653 dynamic recrystallization and/or annealing in high-strain zones. Furthermore, there are neither  
654 strain caps nor strain shadows surrounding feldspar aggregates, suggesting that melt-related  
655 structures were preserved at the grain scale and not obliterated by subsequent subsolidus  
656 deformation (i.e. they represented low-strain domains during development of amphibolite- to  
657 greenschist-facies shear zones). Similar microstructures, reported from granulite-facies high-  
658 strain zones, have been interpreted by Stuart et al. (2018) as evidence of deformation in the  
659 presence of melt, which can be achieved by grain boundary sliding, accommodated by the  
660 movement of interstitial melt along grain boundaries and porosity (Rosenberg and Handy, 2000;  
661 Rosenberg, 2001; Walte et al., 2005). Intergranular films of melt are indeed very common in the  
662 investigated high-strain rocks (e.g. Fig. 8d) and likely assisted the relative sliding of solid grains  
663 past each other during deformation. Deformation dominated by melt-assisted grain boundary  
664 sliding, rather than dislocation creep, is supported by the general lack of crystallographic  
665 preferred orientation in K-feldspar + quartz + plagioclase aggregates (e.g. Zavada et al., 2007;  
666 Viegas et al., 2016). Furthermore, during melt-accommodated grain boundary sliding, the solid  
667 grains did not experience solid-state deformation or migration of grain boundaries (Stuart et al.,  
668 2018). According to Dell'Angelo et al. (1987), Dell'Angelo and Tullis (1988), and Walte et al.  
669 (2005), at low melt fractions (likely between 1 and 4%) melt-assisted grain boundary sliding  
670 becomes ineffective and deformation switches to dislocation creep. The general lack of a  
671 subsolidus overprint on igneous features in feldspar aggregates and, in particular, the  
672 preservation of pseudomorphs after melt-filled pores indicates that the deactivation of melt-  
673 assisted grain boundary sliding determined a halt or decrease of deformation intensity following  
674 melt crystallization.



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**676 8.3 Strain localization during and after partial melting**

677 The coexistence of localized igneous features with dynamic recrystallization in high-strain  
678 domains suggests that partial melting and deformation occurred together at peak metamorphic  
679 conditions in the Calamita Schists. The development of the foliation, which is more pervasive in  
680 light-colored and originally melt-rich domains with respect to dark-colored and originally melt-  
681 poor domains, clearly indicates a correlation between melt availability and intensity of  
682 deformation.

683 As quoted above, the presence of melt is an efficient softening mechanism even at very low melt  
684 fraction (e.g. Holyoke and Tullis, 2006; Zavada et al., 2007). On the other hand, crystallization  
685 of melt causes the deactivation of grain boundary sliding, leading to strain hardening of the  
686 system (Handy et al., 2001; Diener & Fagereng, 2014). Therefore, while the presence of melt  
687 allows strain to be pervasively distributed, the switch to subsolidus deformation necessarily  
688 causes deformation to become more localized. Strain localization in narrow high-strain zones at  
689 subsolidus conditions allows the extensive preservation of fragile melt pseudomorphs formed  
690 close to peak metamorphic conditions.

691 The Calamita Schists record the transition from relatively distributed upper amphibolite-facies  
692 deformation in the presence of melt, preserved both at Capo Calvo and Punta Bianca, to  
693 localized, mylonitic deformation, well documented at Capo Calvo, and even brittle shear zones  
694 (see e.g. Papeschi et al., 2018). The Porto Azzurro pluton intruded the Calamita Schists at  
695 shallow depth ( $P < 0.2$  GPa; Duranti et al., 1992; Musumeci and Vaselli, 2012; Papeschi et al.,  
696 2017; Caggianelli et al., 2018). Therefore, the evolution from peak metamorphic to  
697 subgreenschist-facies conditions was likely the result of cooling to ambient temperatures around

698 ~ 200-250 °C rather than exhumation. As shown by Papeschi et al. (2018), even assuming 1-2  
699 mm/years of exhumation in 800 Ka, the resulting effect on pressure decrease (or increase, in case  
700 of thickening) would be minimal. In the nearby Monte Capanne intrusion, fission track ages on  
701 apatite indicate a very rapid uplift at 2-3 Ma around 1.25 mm/year of Western Elba (Bouillin et  
702 al., 1994). Considering the structural and lithological continuity of Eastern and Western Elba, the  
703 exhumation/uplift of the Calamita Unit was likely younger than the late Miocene syn-  
704 metamorphic deformation event recorded by the Calamita Schists.

705 Although the evolution from upper amphibolite- to subgreenschist-facies deformation was very  
706 fast (< 1 Ma; Musumeci et al., 2015; Papeschi et al., 2018) and greenschist-facies mylonitic  
707 shear zones pervasively overprinted previous structures (e.g. Papeschi and Musumeci, 2019),  
708 evidence of earlier deformation in the presence of melt is locally preserved in the shear zone  
709 walls (Fig. 9). Structures indicating former presence of melt, like interstitial grains (Fig. 10a),  
710 occur in aggregates wrapped by the metamorphic foliation and surrounded by strain caps. Quartz  
711 layers and K-feldspar + quartz + plagioclase aggregates are strongly affected by sub-solidus  
712 deformation, marked by (1) undulose extinction (Fig. 9b), (2) extensive recrystallization of  
713 quartz and feldspar to mylonitic ribbons (Fig. 10c), and (3) development of a bimodal grain-size  
714 distribution due to coexisting relic and recrystallized grains (Fig. 9c, 10c). Dynamic  
715 recrystallization of subparallel quartz and feldspathic layers is indicative of medium- to high-  
716 metamorphic grade deformation (see e.g. Vernon and Flood, 1987; Tullis et al., 2000; Hippertt et  
717 al., 2001). K-feldspar and plagioclase in particular are affected by extensive retrograde and  
718 synkinematic overgrowth of phyllosilicates that reflect the activity of reaction softening  
719 mechanisms (Mitra, 1978; White et al., 1980; Hippertt and Hongn, 1998; Mariani et al., 2006),  
720 which are commonly documented in mylonitic quartz-feldspathic rocks (e.g. Stünitz and Tullis,

721 2001). The retrograde growth of hydrous phyllosilicates demonstrates that water was available  
722 during deformation. The presence of fluids during deformation in high-strain zones of the  
723 Calamita Schists is also supported by a recent Electron Back Scatter Diffraction-based study that  
724 provided evidence of dissolution-precipitation creep in quartz during the development of  
725 mylonites (Papeschi and Musumeci, 2019).

726 Hydrous fluids might have acted as an efficient weakening component for the development of  
727 retrograde shear zones. Indeed, dynamic recrystallization of quartz and feldspar is favored under  
728 'wet' conditions (hydrolytic weakening; Luan and Paterson, 1992; Post and Tullis, 1998; see also  
729 Vernon and Clarke, 2008). Localization of strain in the subsolidus region might hence be favored  
730 by the addition of external water. Circulation of fluids originated from the underlying plutonic  
731 system is well documented for the Calamita Schists (Dini et al., 2008). Moreover, the fluid  
732 released after crystallization of the melt might have infiltrated the Calamita Schists in a  
733 heterogeneous fashion, favoring strain partitioning in the fluid-rich portions of the aureole.  
734 Considering the investigated sections, we suggest that Punta Bianca was characterized by limited  
735 ingress of fluids after melt crystallization, whereas Capo Calvo was affected by fluid ingress  
736 assisting strain localization during retrograde shearing. The latter scenario is supported by the  
737 strong sericitization of the peak metamorphic assemblage at Capo Calvo.

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## 739 **9. Conclusions**

740 This study provides the first evidence of late Miocene migmatite formation in a very shallow  
741 aureole in the Northern Apennines and shows an example of retrograde strain partitioning and  
742 localization in patch migmatites in an upper crustal setting. The key results of this work can be  
743 summarized as follows:

- 744 (1) Phase equilibria modeling and Ti-in-biotite thermometry constrain partial melting via  
745 continuous biotite melting between 0.1 – 0.25 GPa and 660 – 710 °C in the andalusite  
746 field.
- 747 (2) Deformation concentrated in light-colored domains that represent leucosomes.  
748 Metamorphic quartz only displays extensive evidence of recrystallization by grain  
749 boundary migration and K-feldspar + quartz + plagioclase pseudomorphs after melt,  
750 which filled porosities, lack significant evidence of subsolidus deformation. Therefore,  
751 we suggest that deformation was assisted by melt-enhanced grain boundary sliding and  
752 ceased after crystallization of the melt.
- 753 (3) Melt crystallization determines strain hardening of the rocks, forcing a change in  
754 deformation style from distributed to localized in high-strain mylonitic shear zones.  
755 Mylonites preserve the transition from amphibolite-facies deformation in the presence of  
756 melt to dynamic recrystallization with the development of mylonitic ribbons.  
757 Heterogeneous fluid ingress is envisaged as being responsible for localized strain  
758 softening in high-strain zones during retrograde conditions.

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774 The microprobe source files (settings, core files and exported images), XRF analysis and phase  
775 equilibria modeling files related to this manuscript are available at Papeschi, Samuele;  
776 Musumeci, Giovanni; Massonne, Hans-Joachim (2019), “Microprobe and pseudosection data -  
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### 780 **Figure Captions**

781 **Figure 1** – (a) Simplified structural-geological map of Island of Elba (modified after Papeschi et  
782 al., 2017). The rectangle marks the insert of Fig. 1b. (b) Geological sketch map of the eastern  
783 coast of the Calamita peninsula, showing the position of the study areas, also with respect to the  
784 Ripalte antiform. Mineral abbreviations: And: andalusite; Bi: biotite; Cd: cordierite; Di:  
785 diopside; Ksp: K-feldspar; Phl: phlogopite; Pl: plagioclase; Tr: tremolite; Wm: white mica; Wo:  
786 wollastonite.

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788 **Figure 2** – **(a-b)** Mesoscale features of the Calamita Schists in the Wm + Bi + Cd + And zone.  
 789 **(a)** Foliated micaschists with deformed quartz layers. **(b)** Folded quartz layers surrounded by  
 790 biotite-rich schists. The yellow dashed line highlights the fold pattern. **(c-d-e-f)** The Calamita  
 791 Schists at Punta Bianca (location in Fig. 1b), showing subparallel quartz layers, light-colored  
 792 quartz-feldspar-rich domains and dark-colored And/Cd + Bi domains that follow **(c)** folds and  
 793 **(d)** the main mesoscopic foliation. **(e)** Detail of the relationships between dark-colored and light-  
 794 colored domains, highlighting the increase in foliation intensity in light-colored domains. **(f)**  
 795 Andalusite-rich unfoliated dark-colored domain containing irregular Ksp + Pl + Q pockets.  
 796 Mineral abbreviations: And: andalusite; Bi: biotite; Cd: cordierite; Ksp: K-feldspar; Pl:  
 797 plagioclase; Q: quartz; Tur: tourmaline; Wm: white mica.

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 799 **Figure 3** - **(a)** Sketch geological map of Capo Calvo with sample and figure locations. Poles to  
 800 the foliation and shear zones and stretching lineations are shown in the insert stereographic  
 801 projection (equal angle, lower hemisphere). The ellipse marks the trace of the 95% confidence  
 802 cone of the mean lineation vector (yellow star). **(b-c)** Mesoscale features at Capo Calvo: **(b)**  
 803 Transition from dark-colored, weakly foliated domains to light-colored, well-foliated domains.  
 804 Note the presence of deformed quartz layers. **(c)** Detail of light-colored domains showing well-  
 805 developed amphibolite-facies foliation crosscut by E-verging shear zones. The red arrows  
 806 highlight patches of K-feldspar + plagioclase + quartz. And: andalusite. Bi: biotite. Cd:  
 807 cordierite. Ksp: K-feldspar. Pl: plagioclase. Q: quartz.

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 809 **Figure 4** – Microstructures in dark-colored domains at Punta Bianca observed **(a-b-c-d)** under  
 810 crossed polarized light (CPL) and **(e-f-g-h)** with the retardation plate inserted (CPL+RP). **(a)**

811 General texture characterized by intergrowing decussate biotite grains, euhedral andalusite, and  
812 aggregates of K-feldspar, plagioclase, and quartz. The yellow rectangle highlights the location of  
813 Fig. 4d. **(b)** Foliated microstructure displaying subparallel biotite + ilmenite-, K-feldspar +  
814 plagioclase-, and quartz-rich layers. **(c)** K-feldspar + plagioclase + quartz-rich domain  
815 surrounding resorbed biotite grains. **(d)** Polygonal K-feldspar and quartz aggregate (white arrow)  
816 associated with misoriented biotite grains. **(e)** K-feldspar polycrystalline aggregate in contact  
817 with deformed quartz and biotite. The white arrow indicates an interstitial K-feldspar grain. **(f)**  
818 Orange-colored interstitial quartz with cusped lobes (white arrows) surrounding rounded grains  
819 (yellow arrow) and euhedral grains (green arrow). Mineral abbreviations: And: andalusite; Bi:  
820 biotite; Cd: cordierite; Ilm: ilmenite; Ksp: K-feldspar; Pl: plagioclase; Q: quartz; Wm: white  
821 mica.

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823 **Figure 5** – Microstructures in light-colored domains at Punta Bianca. **(a)** Recrystallized quartz  
824 associated with elongated pseudomorphs of sericite over K-feldspar and plagioclase (CPL). **(b)**  
825 Recrystallized quartz-feldspar microstructure. Note the strongly elongated K-feldspar grains  
826 (CPL+RP). **(c)** Elongated K-feldspar + plagioclase aggregate (limits are contoured by the red  
827 dashed line) which follows a biotite-rich layer within quartz with amoeboid shape. The insert  
828 shows the resorbed outline of biotite (CPL). **(d)** Local polygonal texture with euhedral K-  
829 feldspar and quartz grain boundaries (red arrow) surrounded by interstitial K-feldspar with  
830 cusped lobes (white arrows) (CPL+RP). Bi: biotite; Ilm: ilmenite; Ksp: K-feldspar; Pl:  
831 plagioclase; Q: quartz; Ser: sericite.

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833 **Figure 6** – Microstructures in dark-colored domains at Capo Calvo: **(a)** General microfabric  
834 showing biotite – andalusite – cordierite and K-feldspar and Note the strongly lobate shape of  
835 biotite in the insert (yellow box) of **(a)**. **(b)** Interstitial K-feldspar lobes against metamorphic  
836 quartz. The small K-feldspar grains (white arrows) are all in optical continuity (CPL + RP). **(c)**  
837 Interstitial K-feldspar surrounding strongly resorbed biotite grains (CPL). **(d)** Detail of the K-  
838 feldspar + plagioclase + quartz aggregates showing interstitial quartz or K-feldspar grains (white  
839 arrows) and crystal faces (red arrows) (CPL + RP). And: andalusite; Bi: biotite; Cd: cordierite;  
840 Ilm: ilmenite; Ksp: K-feldspar; Pl: plagioclase; Q: quartz; Ser: sericite.

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842 **Figure 7** – Microstructures in sample IESPCS42A, which is the representative of light-colored  
843 domains at Capo Calvo. **(a)** Thin section scan showing the relative area (in %) of the different  
844 mineral phases. See text for details. **(b)** Quartz grains with lobate boundaries, amoeboid shape  
845 and dissection microstructures (yellow arrow) (CPL). **(c)** Strongly lobate quartz grains showing  
846 pinning and window microstructures (white arrow). Biotite grains define the metamorphic  
847 foliation (CPL). **(d)** Pseudomorphed cordierite porphyroblasts surrounded by foliated quartz and  
848 biotite grains. SEM back scattered electron image. **(e)** K-feldspar-rich aggregate surrounded by  
849 quartz and biotite and characterized by a poikiloblastic microstructure due to biotite inclusions  
850 (CPL). Note the small K-feldspar lobes protruding in quartz (yellow arrows). Bi: biotite. Cd:  
851 cordierite. Ksp: K-feldspar. Pl: plagioclase. Q: quartz.

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853 **Figure 8** – Microstructures in sample IESPCS42A (continues). **(a)** BSE image of Fig. 7e  
854 showing the poikiloblastic microstructure of K-feldspar, related to resorbed (light blue arrow)  
855 and euhedral biotite inclusions (see insert). Note both the cusped K-feldspar lobes (red arrows)



856 and the thin layer of K-feldspar following a biotite-rich layer in quartz (green arrow) (BSE). **(b)**  
857 Detail of the interstitial K-feldspar lobes (white arrows) occurring at the contact between  
858 feldspar aggregates and quartz (location in Fig. 8b). Feldspar is bluish whereas quartz is reddish  
859 (CPL + RP). **(c)** Interstitial K-feldspar showing lobate contacts with quartz and biotite. The red  
860 arrows mark feldspar lobes with very low apparent dihedral angle against quartz. Note the  
861 presence of crystal faces in quartz at the contact with K-feldspar (BSE). **(d)** Interstitial K-  
862 feldspar interposed between quartz and biotite and within biotite grains (BSE). **(e)** Crystal faces  
863 (white arrows) at the contact between euhedral to subhedral K-feldspar, quartz, and plagioclase  
864 grains (CPL + RP). **(f)** Feldspar grains showing rounded outline (light blue) surrounded by  
865 interstitial K-feldspar and plagioclase (orange – reddish) (CPL + RP). Bi: biotite; Ksp: K-  
866 feldspar; Pl: plagioclase; Q: quartz.

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868 **Figure 9** – Microstructures in schists associated to shear zones. **(a)** Photo stitching of a thin  
869 section of sample IESPSP196 (CPL). The different colors show the relative area % occupied by  
870 the phases present for shear zone (top) and wall rock (bottom) subdomains. **(b)** Quartz and  
871 biotite layers defining the foliation. Note the extensive recrystallization along quartz rims and  
872 undulose extinction in biotite (CPL). **(c)** Serrated quartz aggregates developed along grain  
873 boundaries of larger grains (CPL). **(d)** Sheared, poikiloblastic K-feldspar aggregates wrapped by  
874 biotite and quartz (CPL). **(e)** Detail of the strain caps surrounding feldspar aggregates (red  
875 arrow), characterized by recrystallized quartz and fine-grained white mica and biotite (CPL). Bi:  
876 biotite. Chl: chlorite Ksp: K-feldspar. Pl: plagioclase. Q: quartz. Wm: white mica.

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878 **Figure 10** – Microstructures in schists associated to shear zones (continues) **(a)** Interstitial quartz  
 879 surrounding subhedral K-feldspar grains locally showing resorbed grain boundaries (CPL). **(b)**  
 880 Crystal faces (red arrow) associated with more lobate boundaries between K-feldspar and quartz.  
 881 Note the small K-feldspar inclusion (orange colors) with serrated grain boundaries (CPL + RP).  
 882 **(c)** Recrystallized fine-grained K-feldspar ribbons being parallel to quartz layers. Note the  
 883 mixing between K-feldspar and white mica in the upper-right corner (CPL). **(d)** Sericite-rich  
 884 layers containing minor biotite and retrogressed cordierite, stretched parallel to the foliation.  
 885 Scattered K-feldspar relics are present (CPL). Bi: biotite. Chl: chlorite. Ksp: K-feldspar. Pl:  
 886 plagioclase. Q: quartz. Ser: sericite. Wm: white mica.

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889 **Figure 11** – Compositional maps of sample IESPCS42A. **(a-b)** BSE-Images showing the  
 890 location of compositional maps on **(a)** resorbed biotite aligned on the foliation (X-Ray Map 1)  
 891 and **(b)** resorbed and euhedral biotite included in poikiloblastic K-feldspar (X-Ray Map 2). **(c-d-**  
 892 **e-f-g-h)** Compositional maps showing the distribution of **(c-f)** Fe, **(d-g)** Al, **(e-h)** and Ti in **(c-d-**  
 893 **e)** X-Ray Map 1 and **(f-g-h)** X-Ray Map 2. See text for a detailed comment. Bi: biotite. Chl:  
 894 chlorite. Ilm: ilmenite; Ksp: K-feldspar. Pl: plagioclase. Ser: sericite. Ru: rutile.

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896 **Figure 12** - **(a)**  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  – total  $\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}$  p.f.u. diagram showing the classification of the analyzed biotite,  
 897 following Deer et al. (1992); **(b)** Compositional variability of biotite in the  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  – Ti p.f.u. space.  
 898 **(c)** Results of Ti-in-biotite geothermometry based on the geothermometer by Wu and Chen  
 899 (2015).

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901 **Figure 13** – P-T pseudosections of sample IESP3CS42A (microstructures in Fig. 7 and 8)  
902 modeled in the MnNCKFMASHT system. The subsolidus part was calculated assuming excess  
903 H<sub>2</sub>O while the suprasolidus region was calculated with a fixed 1.66 mol% H<sub>2</sub>O content (0.5 vol%  
904 of water at 0.2 GPa at the solidus). Quartz is present in all fields. X<sub>Fe</sub> isopleths for biotite (yellow  
905 dashed lines) and cordierite (blue dashed lines) are shown. Black dashed lines are the melt  
906 isomodes. The red line marks the solidus. And: andalusite Bi: biotite. Cd: cordierite. Chl:  
907 chlorite. G: garnet. Ilm: ilmenite. Liq: melt. Mu: muscovite. Opx: orthopyroxene. Pl: plagioclase.  
908 Q: quartz. Sill: sillimanite. Ru: rutile.

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#### 910 **Table captions**

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912 **Table 1** – Radiometric ages in samples of metamorphic and igneous rocks from the Calamita  
913 peninsula, after a: Musumeci et al. (2011); b: Musumeci et al. (2015) and c: Viola et al. (2018).  
914 And = andalusite; Bi = biotite; Cd = cordierite; Di = diopside; Phl = phlogopite.

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916 **Table 2** – Representative analyses of biotite, pinitized cordierite, K-feldspar, plagioclase,  
917 ilmenite, and white mica in sample IESP3CS42A. T is the temperature estimated using the Ti-in-  
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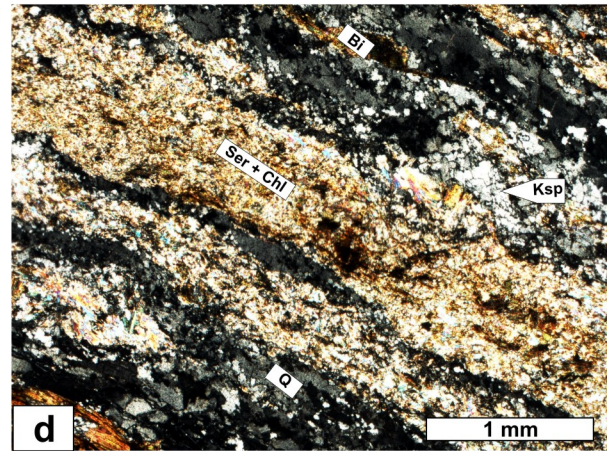
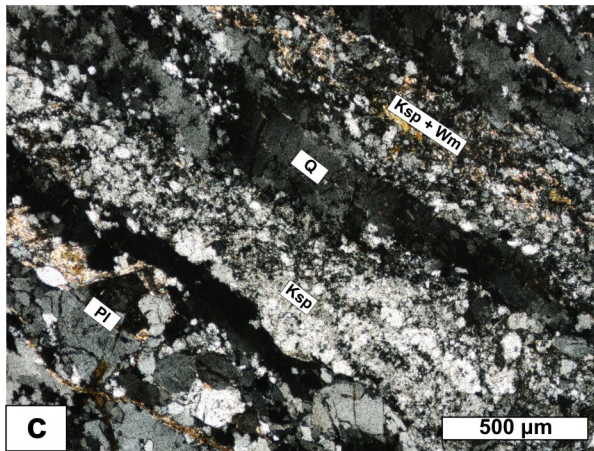
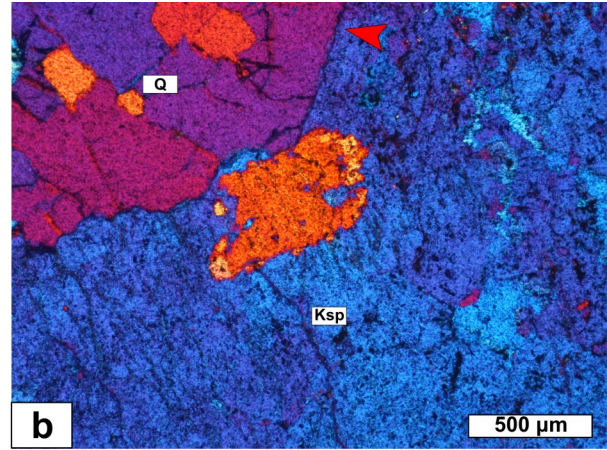
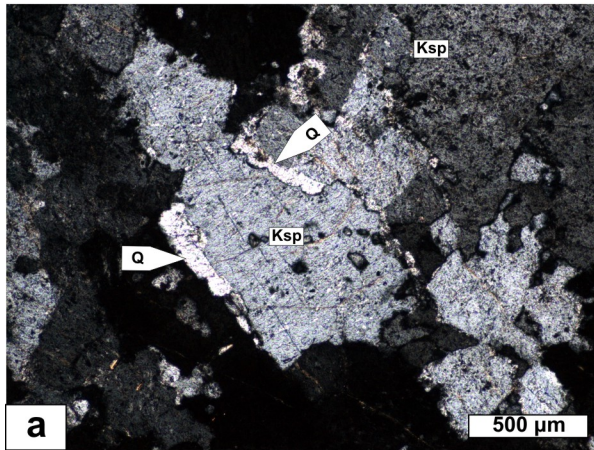
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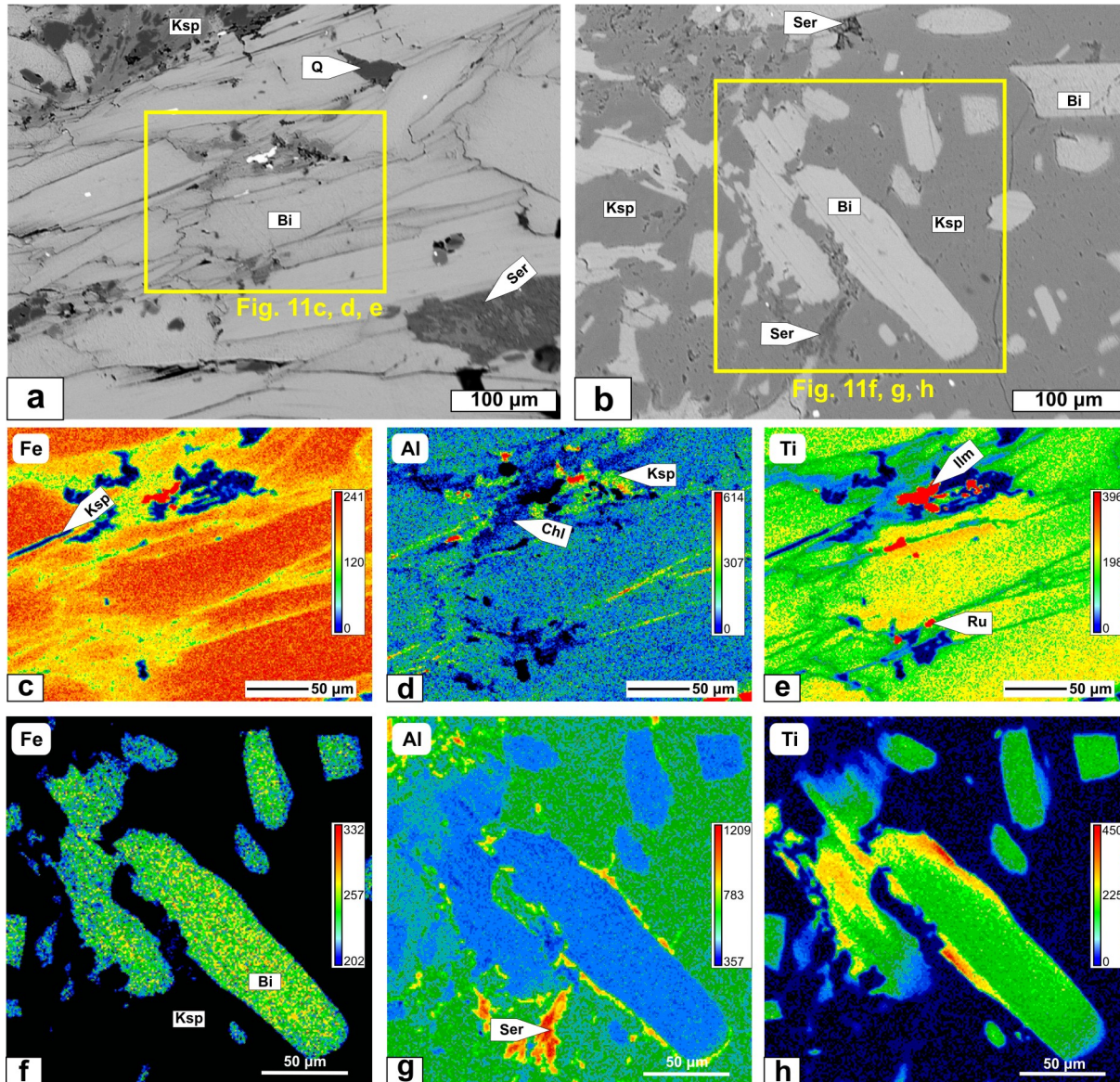
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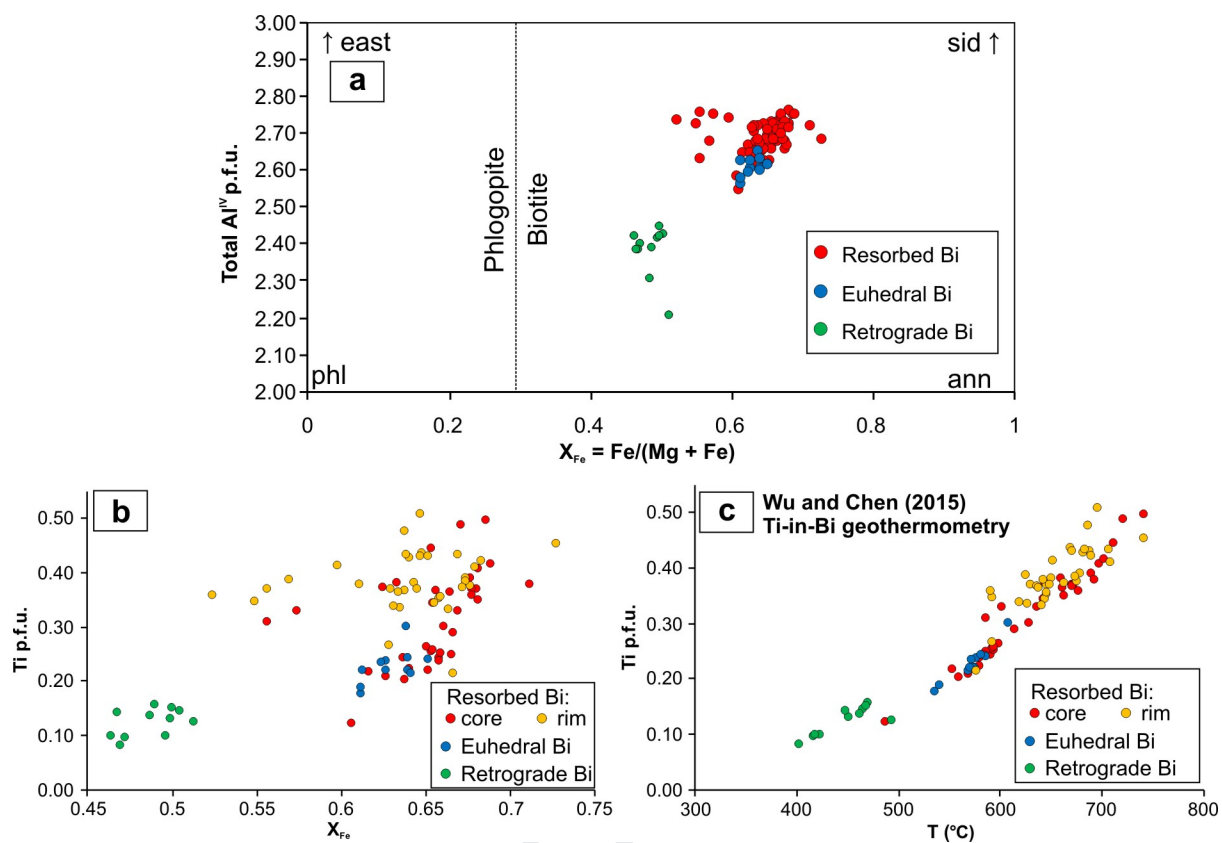
**Table 1** – Radiometric ages in samples of metamorphic and igneous rocks from the Calamita peninsula, after a: Musumeci et al. (2011); b: Musumeci et al. (2015) and c: Viola et al. (2018). And = andalusite; Bi = biotite; Cd = cordierite; Di = diopside; Phl = phlogopite.

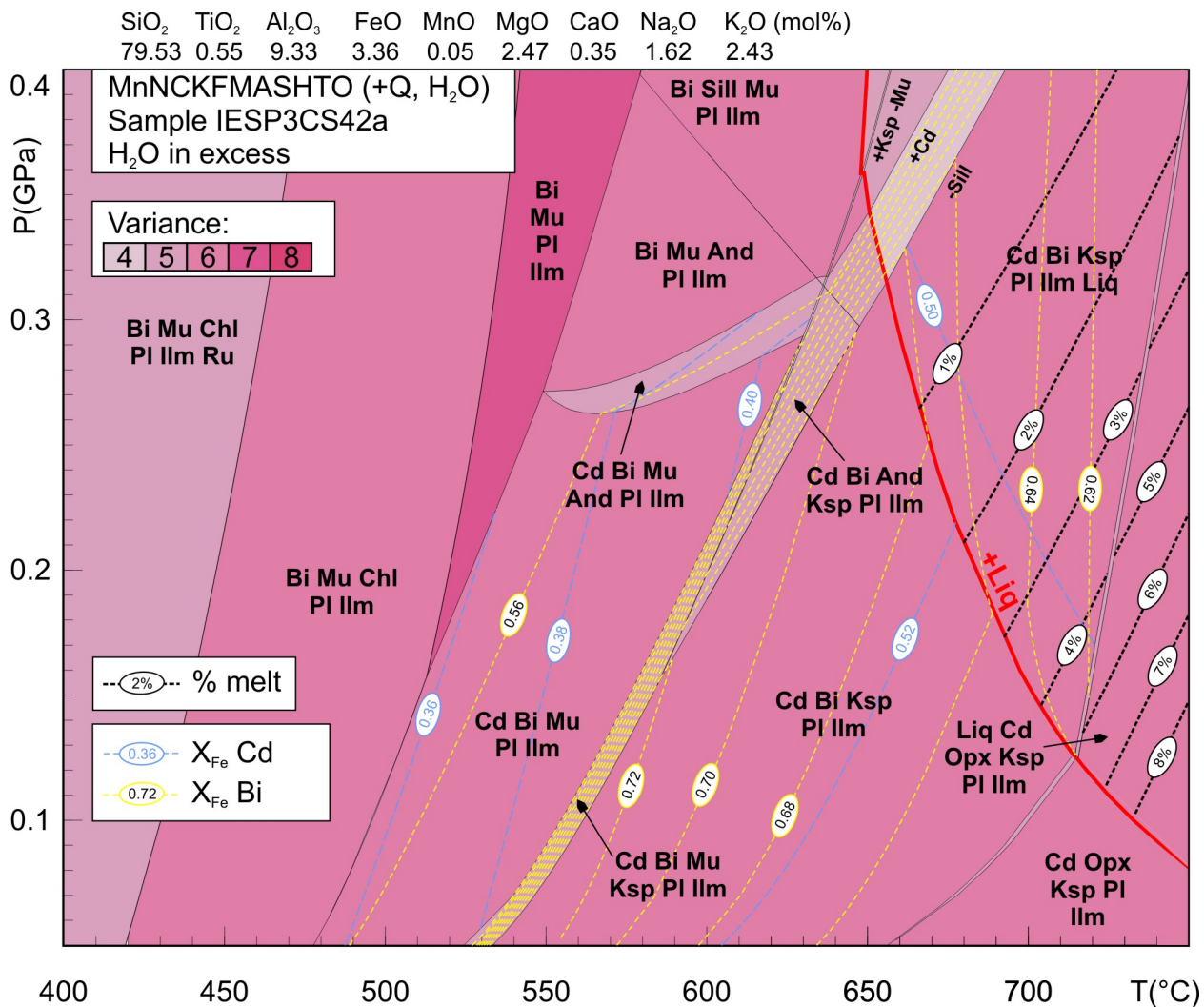
Rock type	Phase dated	Method	Age (Ma)
And-Cd-Bi schist	biotite	$^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$	$6.23 \pm 0.06 \text{ Ma}^{\text{a}}$
And-Cd-Bi schist	zircon	U/Pb	$6.40 \pm 0.15 \text{ Ma}^{\text{a}}$
Di-Phl marble	phlogopite	$^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$	$6.76 \pm 0.08 \text{ Ma}^{\text{b}}$
Leucogranite	white mica	$^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$	$6.33 \pm 0.07 \text{ Ma}^{\text{b}}$
Mylonite	authigenic illite	K/Ar	$6.14 \pm 0.64 \text{ Ma}^{\text{c}}$
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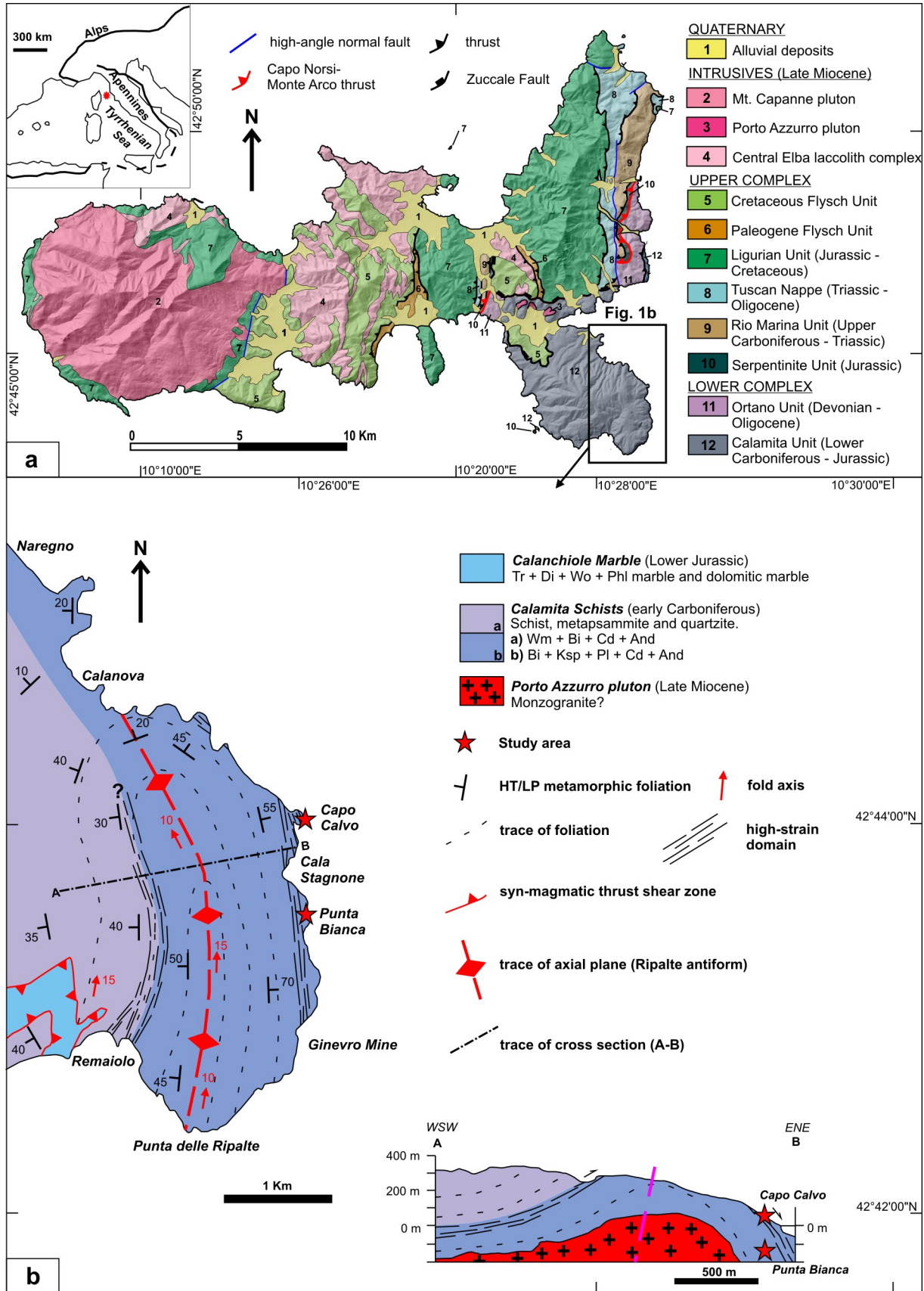


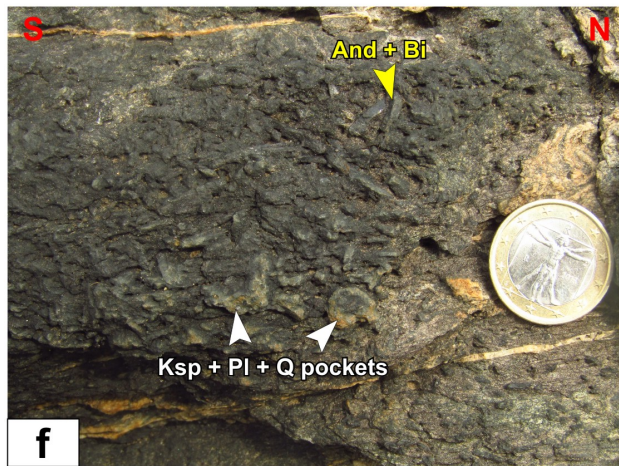
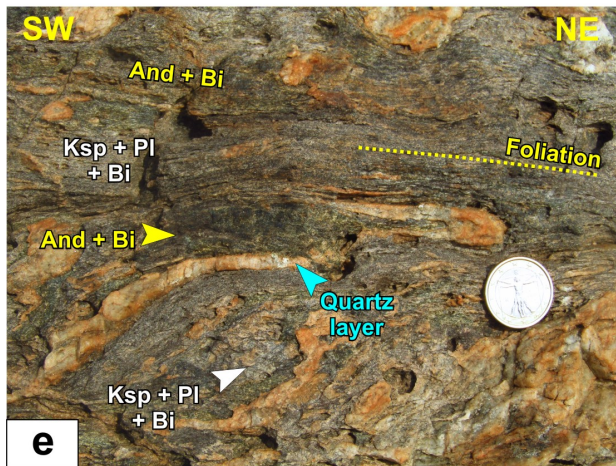
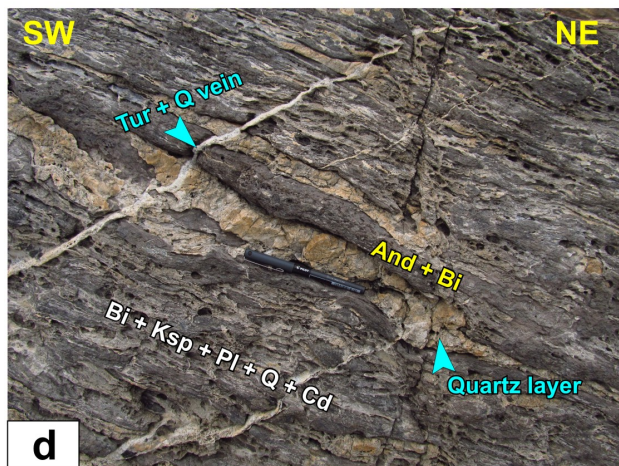
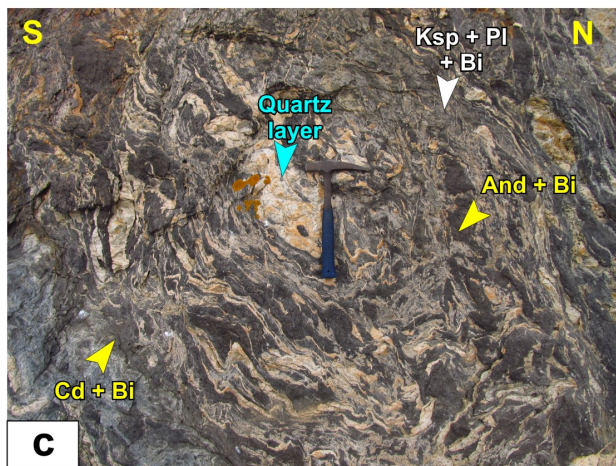
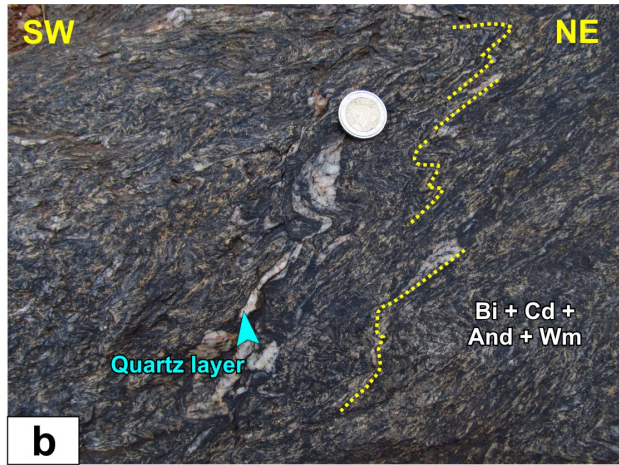


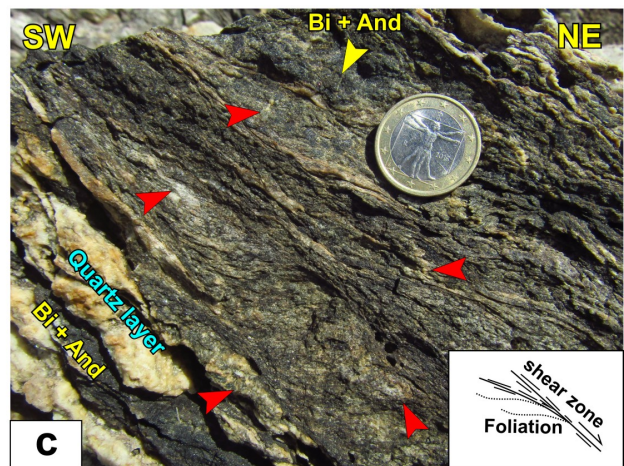
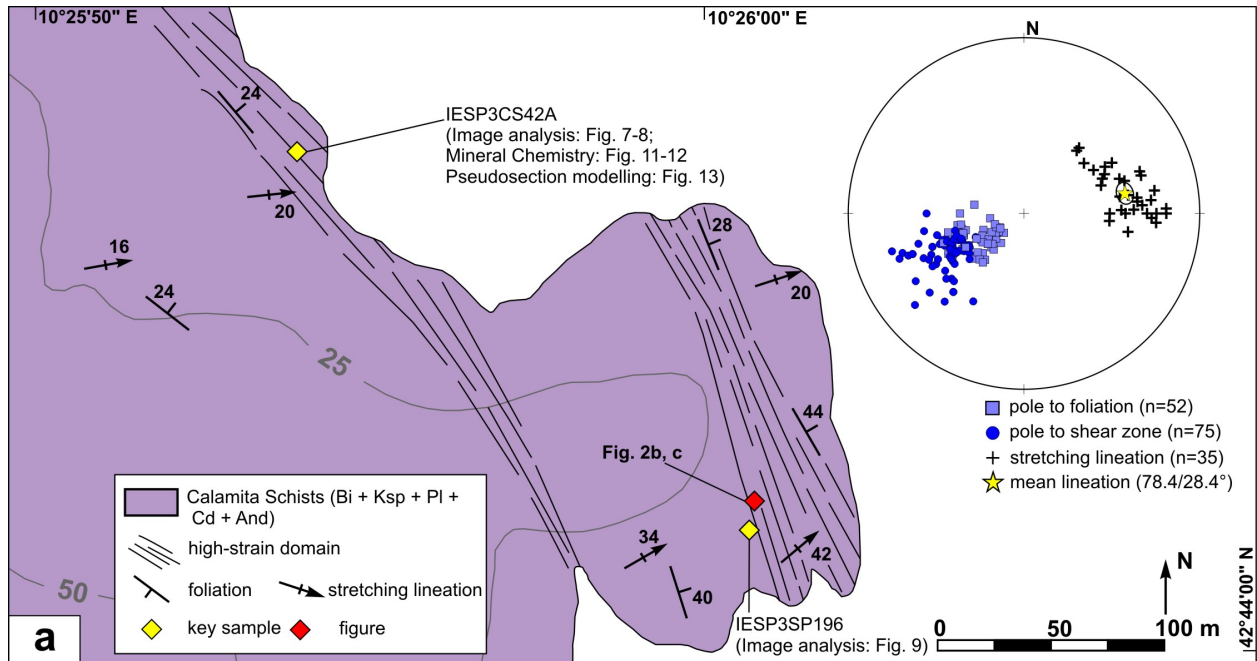


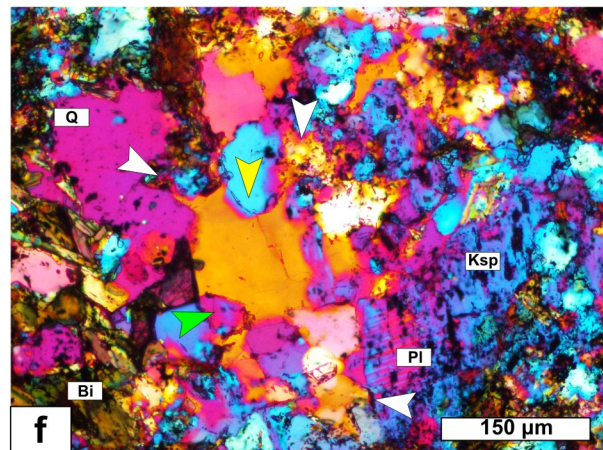
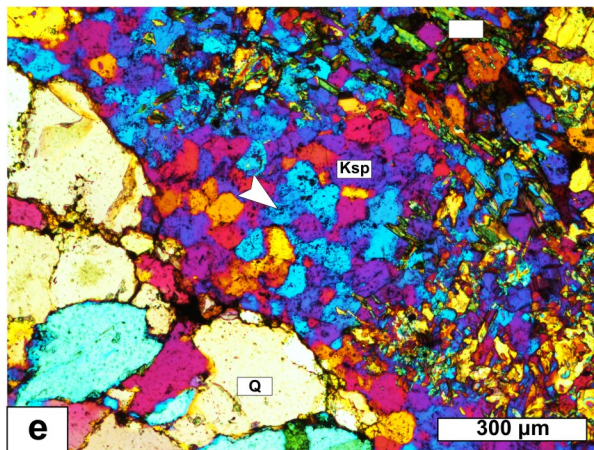
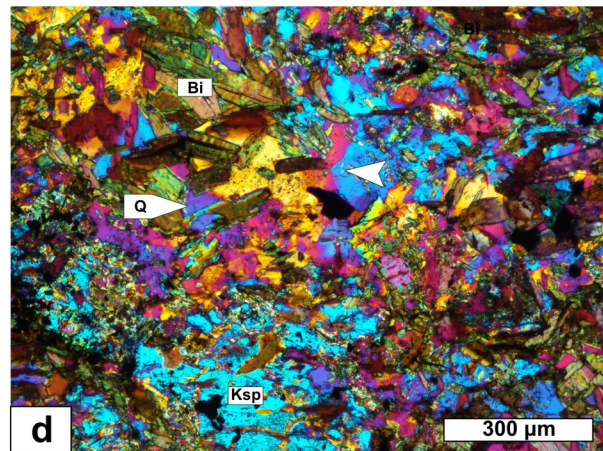
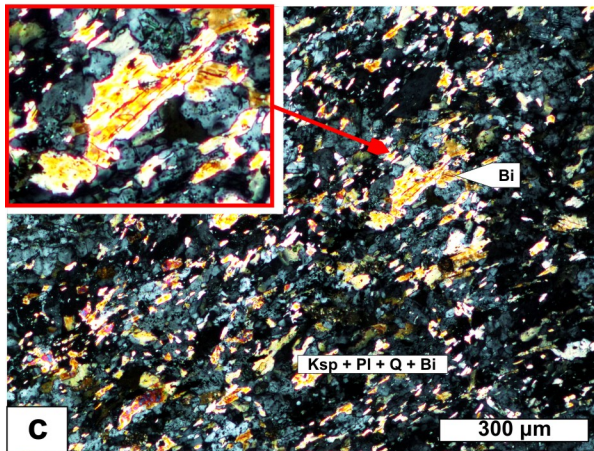
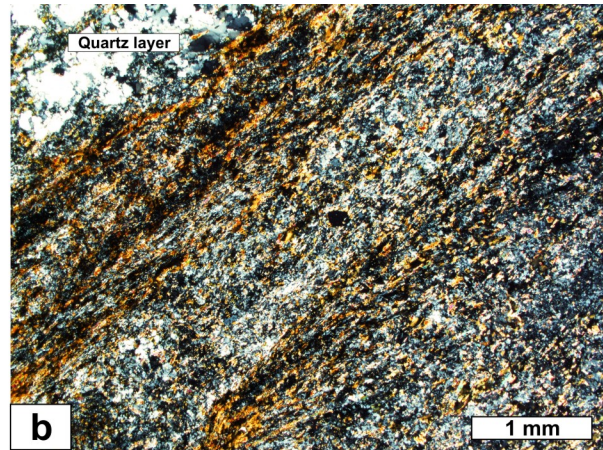
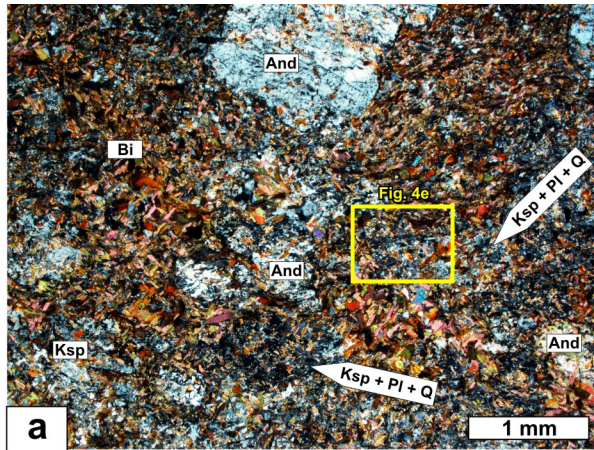


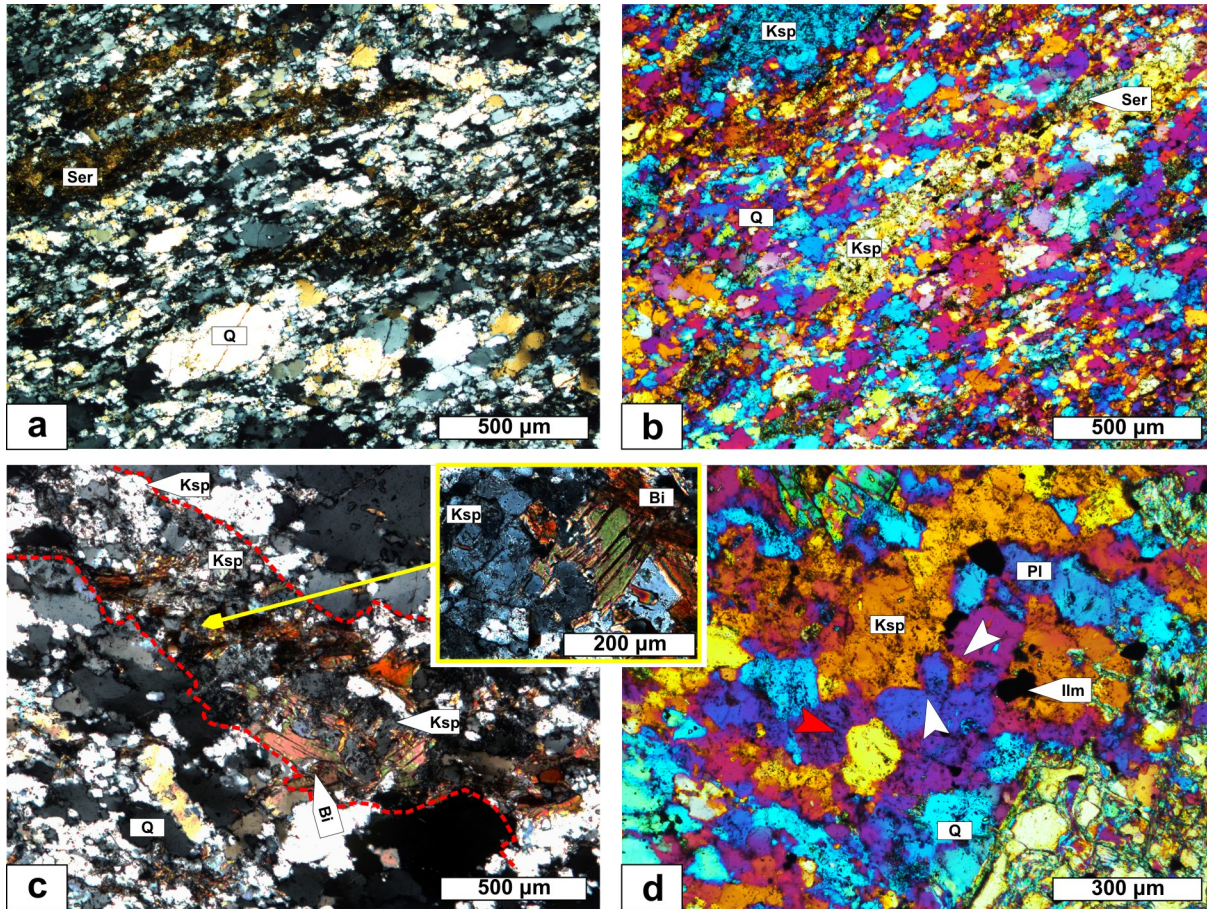


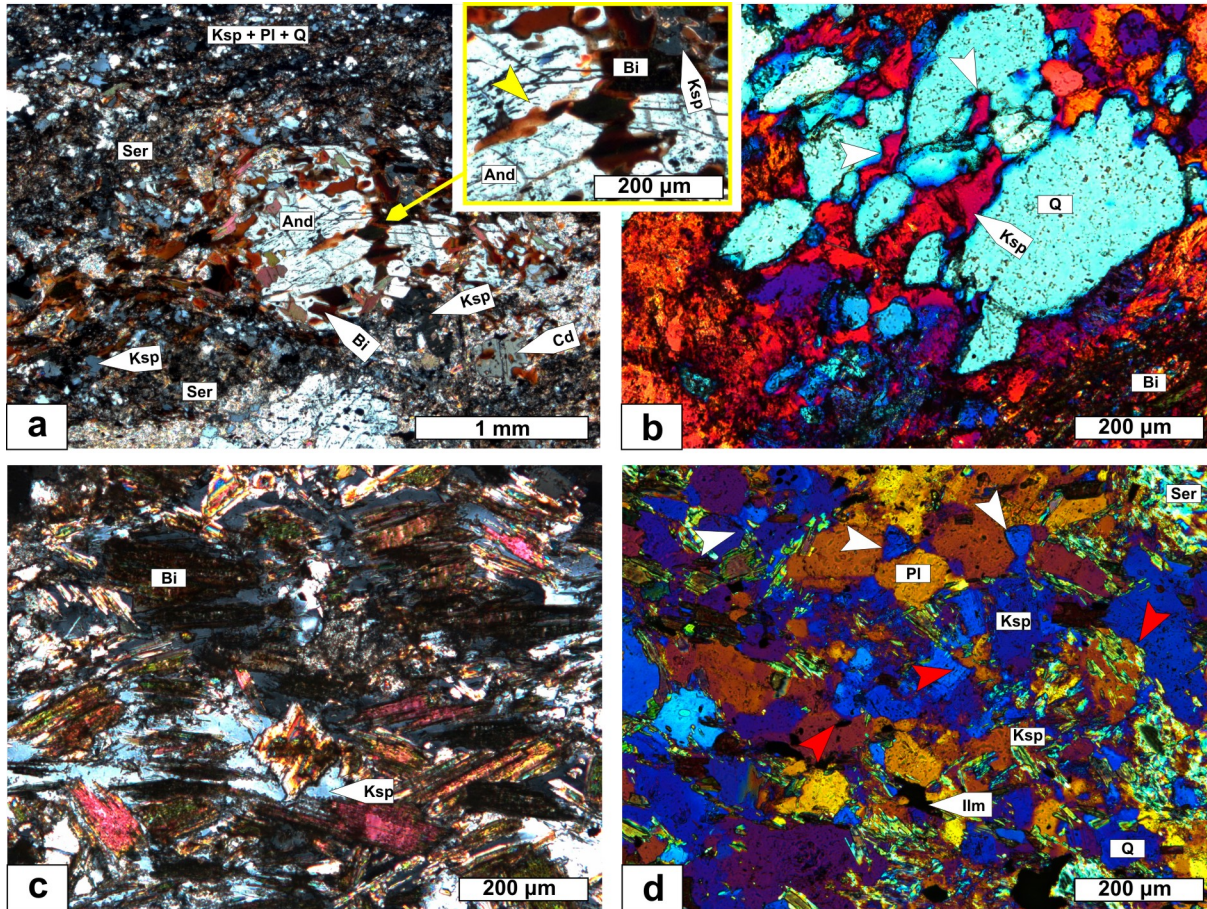


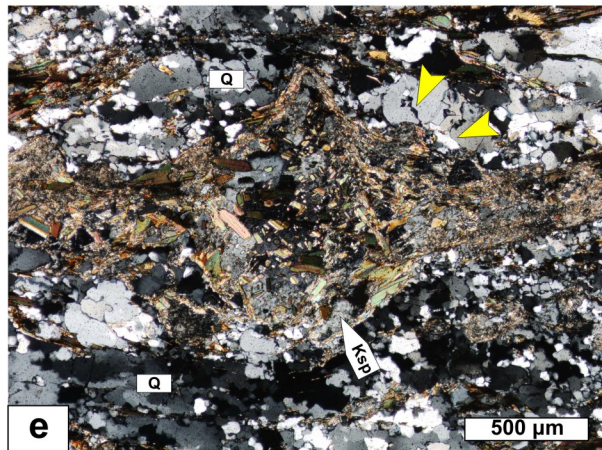
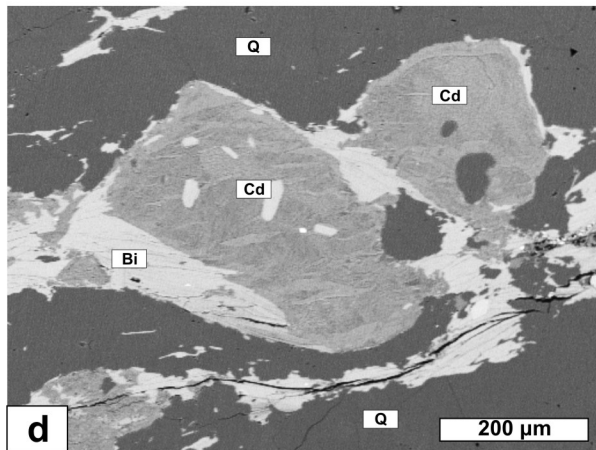
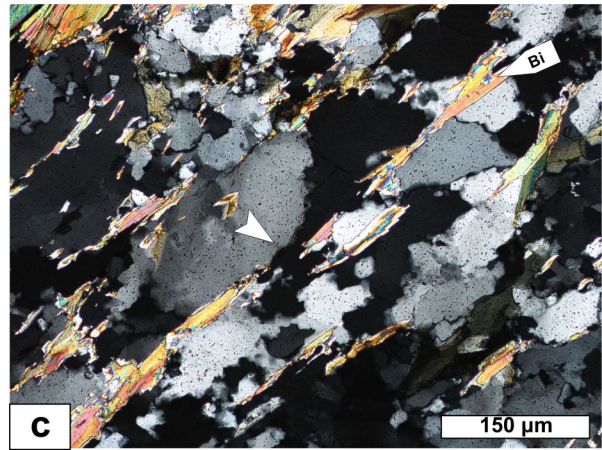
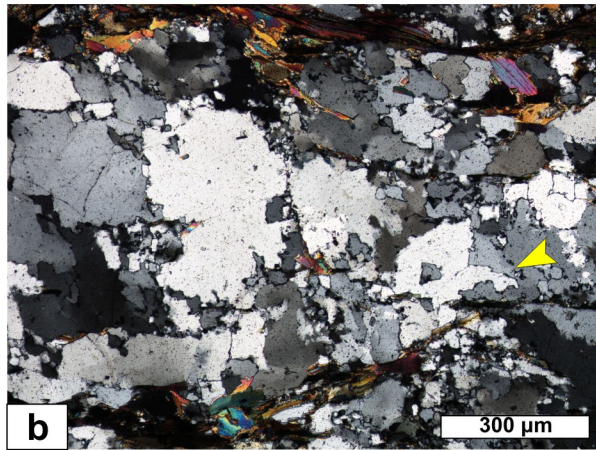
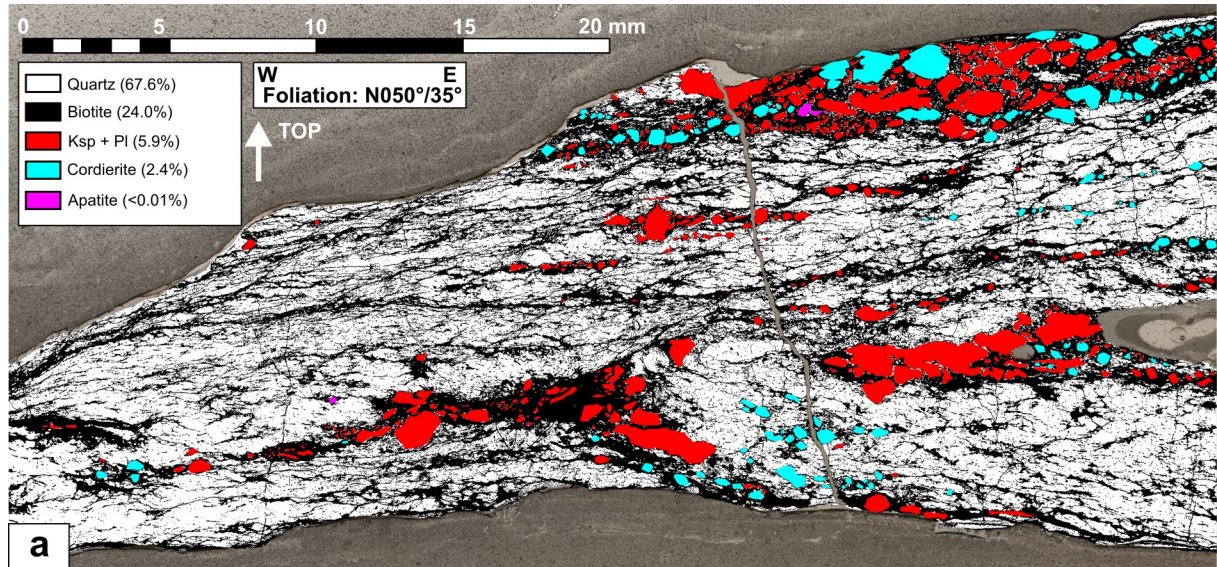


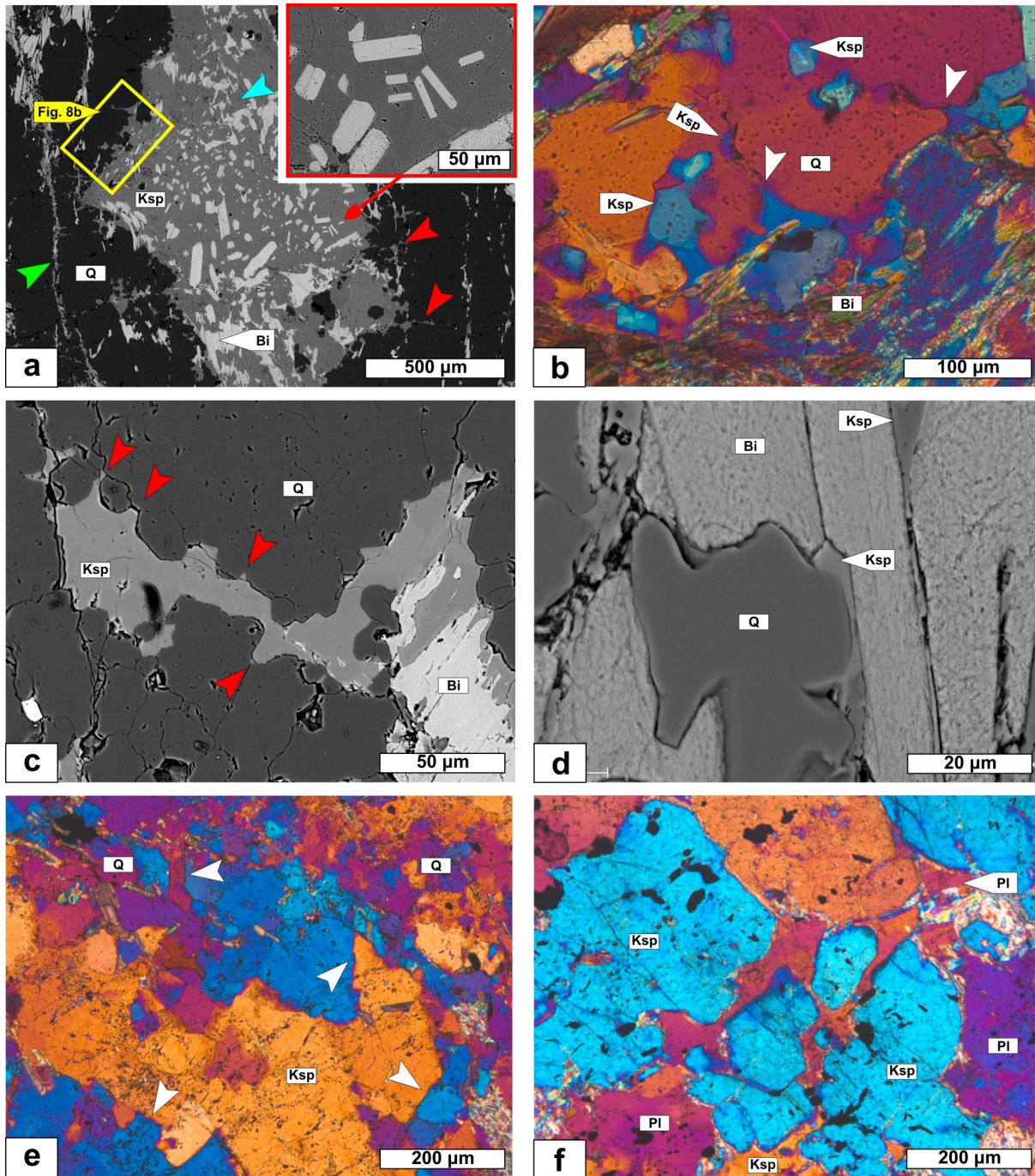




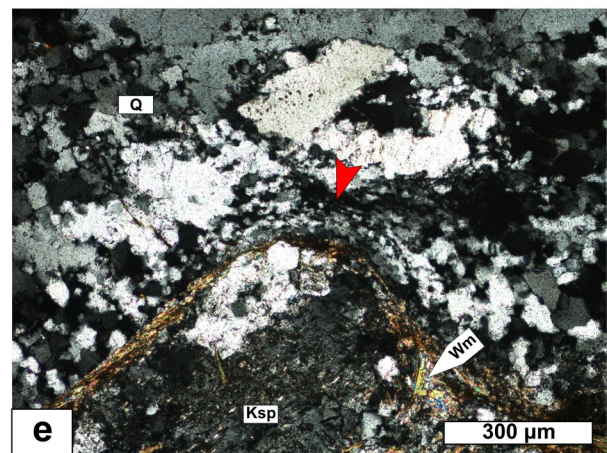
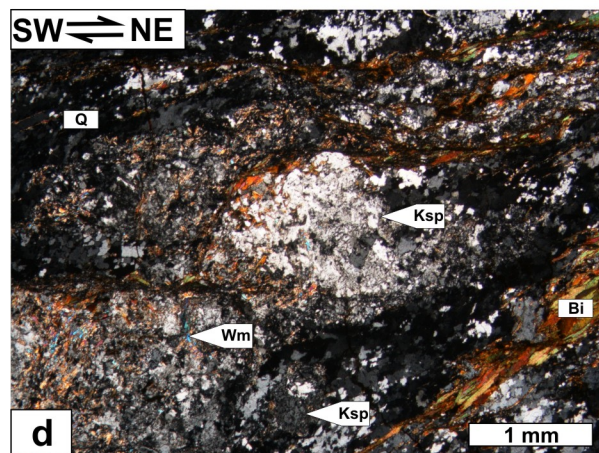
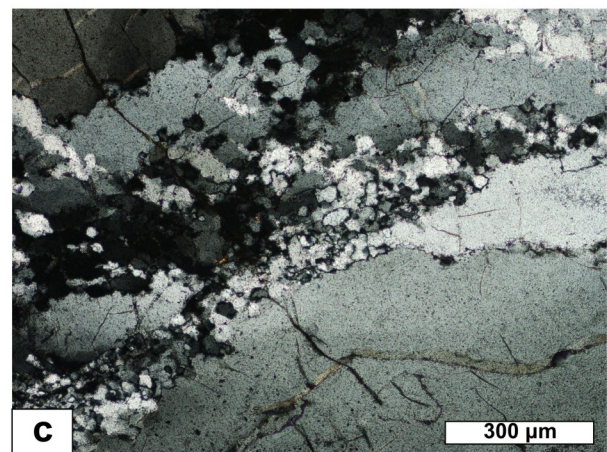
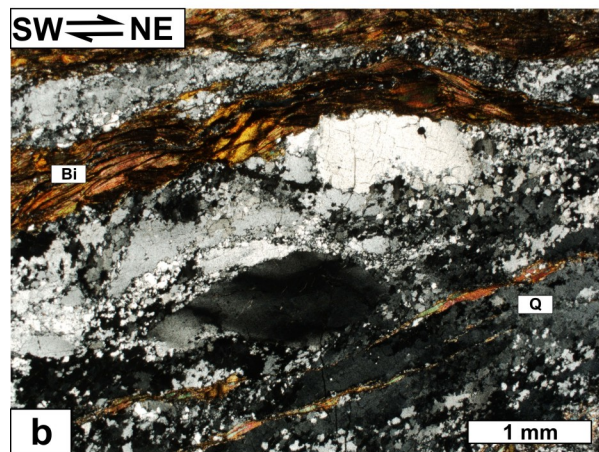
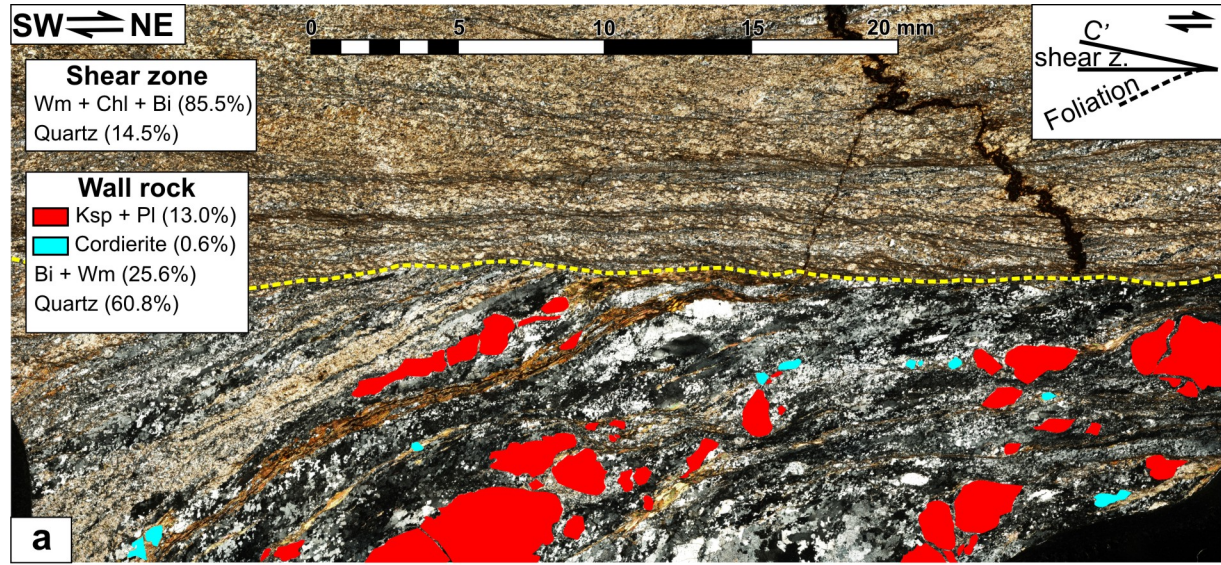












1 **Highlights:**

- 2 • K-feldspar + plagioclase patches record in-situ partial melting in the upper crust;
- 3 • Melting was caused by granite emplacement and occurred in the andalusite field;
- 4 • Deformation is distributed in the partially molten rocks;
- 5 • Melt crystallization causes strain localization into mylonitic shear zones;

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